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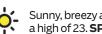
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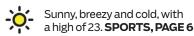
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**CONNECTICUT SUPREME COURT** 

# Justices ban some sex-based spaces

Unanimous decision rules against private gym areas, avoids other ambiguous parts of state law

By Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

The state Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that private, women-only exercise areas in gyms open otherwise to both men and women violate a state anti-discrimination law.

Chief Justice Richard Robinson called the decision that immediately bans private spaces based on sex or religion in public places, a 'significant question of first impression" that turned on whether there can be gender-based exceptions to the state's progressive anti-discrimination laws.

But in the same decision, Robinson, writing for a unanimous court, suggested a blanket prohibition against all sex-based privacy could have unintended consequences and a final decision should be left to the state legislature.

"Thus, the sensitivity of the determination of where to limit antidiscrimination protections, along with evolving contempo-

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### Leaving space for exceptions

The court recognized concerns that its strict reading of the law could lead to "absurd or bizarre results" because of its unequivocal prohibition of women-only places such as dressing rooms, lactation rooms and domestic violence shelters. Interfaith groups, among others, told the court that some women are prohibited from exercising with men for religious reasons. "We disagree," the court said. "First, although such facilities are not at issue in this appeal, it is not at all clear that they would not fall within the existing statutory exceptions for bathrooms, locker rooms, and sleeping accommodations, as interpreted using our rules of statutory construction."

Sale of children's museum property in West Hartford may bring upscale apartments, but it raises uncertainty for Conny the Whale, which would cost \$200K to move

# Changing habitat



The Children's Museum in West Hartford, an institution in town, will be moving to an unannounced temporary location nearby in June now that the property has been sold to an apartment developer. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

#### By Kenneth R. Gosselin Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD - An apartment developer active in Greater Hartford plans to purchase The Children's Museum property near West Hartford Center — seen as prime for redevelopment — with the museum now

June as it searches for a permanent home in Continental Properties of New York has reached an agreement with the museum property's owner, the neighboring Kingswood Oxford School, and plans upscale apartments. A purchase price and detailed plans were

looking to move to a temporary location in

Howard S. Rappaport, a Continental principal, said in a release that he envisioned bringing

not announced Tuesday. Formal plans are

expected in late spring or early summer.

"A lot of people are a bit upset about [the museum] moving but, to be honest, we're kind of excited about the future and what it is laying out for us. We've been in these buildings 60 some years, and they show it."

Michael J. Werle, the museum's executive director "a beautiful, new walkable residential community to the edge of West Hartford Center."

A redevelopment of the 3.5-acre property at 950 Trout Brook Drive near the intersection of Farmington Avenue will mean the relocation of the museum after more than six decades on the site.

Michael J. Werle, the museum's executive director, said Tuesday the museum has two temporary locations in mind, both within a few miles and "no more than 8 to 10 minutes

"A lot of people are a bit upset about [the museum] moving but, to be honest, we're kind of excited about the future and what it is laying out for us," Werle said. "We've been in these buildings 60 some years, and they

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# Addiction centers face staff shortages

Counselors say state lacks commitment to serve the vulnerable

**By Eliza Fawcett** Hartford Courant

Substance use disorder counselors and lawmakers

called on the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services on Tuesday to fill vacancies and expand care at Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown and Blue Hills Hospital in Hartford, the two state-run facilities that offer medically managed withdrawal management.

"The acute short-staffing, that predates the pandemic, has exposed this for what it is: a lack of commitment to provide care for the most vulnerable among us," Brian Williams, a certified addiction counselor at CVH, said during a press call organized by SEIU 1199 New England, which represents health care workers in Connecticut.

Throughout the pandemic and particularly in recent months - staffing shortages have sometimes crippled major hospital systems, as well as mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers across the state. At Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown and Blue Hills Hospital, a large swath of positions are vacant, according to workers at the facilities. Even more troubling, the workers say, is that the two facilities have not admitted new patients since late December.

DMHAS spokesperson Art Mongillo said in an email Tuesday that "Admissions to substance use treatment at Connecticut Valley Hospital and Blue Hills Hospital are not closed," though he noted that throughout the pandemic, the facilities have at times temporarily halted admissions due to COVID-19.

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# Council backs apartments, smaller hotel at financially strapped downtown Hilton

By Kenneth R. Gosselin Hartford Courant

HARTFORD – The conversion of the financially strapped Hilton hotel in downtown Hartford into apartments on the upper floors and a new, smaller hotel below them could get started this spring now that the Hartford city council has signed off on the project.

The city council late Monday unanimously approved a new lease arrangement and "paymentin-lieu of taxes" agreement for

the 393-room hotel at the corner of Trumbull and Church streets, iust north of the XL Center. The hotel suffered from a deep downturn in business travel during the pandemic.

The city council's approval was necessary because the city owns the property under the hotel.

The Capital Region Development Authority, which approved \$11 million in low-cost, state-taxpayer-backed loans crucial to the project, said Tuesday the hotel rooms on the lower half of the 22-story building would first be converted to a DoubleTree, while the upper floors remained active

Once that work is completed, the DoubleTree rooms would open for booking and then, the apartment conversion would begin on the upper half of the tower.

A rough timeline calls for the DoubleTree to open in the spring of 2023, with the apartments coming online later in the year.

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The Hilton in downtown Hartford was hit hard by the downturn in travel during the pandemic and faced closure. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

### Stefanowski starts \$1M TV ad campaign for governor

Republican candidate Bob Stefanowski kicked off a \$1 million television advertising campaign Tuesday that essentially marked the start of the race for governor. CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1

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# Two veteran GOP state senators not seeking reelection

**By Christopher Keating** Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - Two veteran Republican state senators are not seeking reelection this year, prompting their caucus to defend open seats in a contentious political year.

Deputy Senate GOP leader Paul Formica of East Lyme and Sen. Kevin Witkos of Canton are stepping down after long careers. As veteran campaigners, they were known for winning elections in their districts.

Formica currently serves as the No. 2 Republican in the caucus, keeping a close eye on legislation and the debates in the chamber. Witkos ran to become the caucus leader, but he lost in a close contest against Sen. Kevin Kelly of

Formica, 68, was philosophical in making his announcement.

"As I have grown older, I've come to believe that there are seasons in a person's life," Formica said. "There are experiences, opportunities, relationships and a number of other circumstances — some wonderful. some tragic - that can define



State Sen. Paul Formica, the second ranking Republican in the caucus, announced he will not run for reelection in 2022. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

these seasons, but they come and go all the same."

He added, "In recent months, I have been sensing a pull toward a new season. It has been a thought-provoking process because I have been deeply blessed, grateful and proud of the season I am currently in. I have decided to embrace this new

season, and therefore I will not be seeking reelection to the state Senate in November of 2022?

With a new grandchild for the first time this month, Formica gained a new perspective. Formica has always juggled a complicated schedule as a longtime elected official and as owner of the Flanders Fish Market & Restaurant.

Restaurants have fallen on tough times during the past two years due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, prompting Republican state Rep. Tony D'Amelio to recently step down from the legislature after nearly 25 years in order to spend more time at his restaurant at a golf course in Waterbury. Formica, too, has kept long hours at his restaurant.

"I am particularly grateful to my business family, the incredible team on my town and state staffs and especially my family for bearing with me as I split my time and attention with my public service for over three decades," Formica said. "I would not trade a day of it."

Republican political analyst Liz Kurantowicz said she was surprised by Formica's decision, adding that he will leave "very, very tough shoes to fill."

In recent years, Formica has had increasingly difficult reelection races, winning by four percentage points in 2018 over Democrat Martha Marx and then squeaking by only two percentage points in a rematch in 2020.

He was hailed by his colleagues, including Kelly.

"Paul embodies everything that makes an incredible public servant," Kelly said. "He brings people together. He listens to all ideas and perspectives....From leading a town, to running a restaurant, to being an amazing father and now grandfather, Paul is someone you can always rely on to bring dedication and love to all he

Sen. Tony Hwang, a Fair-field Republican, said, "There has been quiet strength and resolve in his statesman leadership both at the state level and as a municipal head for his beloved hometown of East Lyme. In the time that we served together, his door was always open any time I had questions, and he freely shared his thoughts and wisdom. The life experiences he shared and his mentorship are memories and lessons I will carry with me for the rest of my life."

Witkos, 57, has served in the legislature for the past 20 years — starting with a stunning upset in 2002 of seven-term Rep. Jesse Stratton in Canton. Stratton was expected to run for Speaker

of the House against incumbent Democrat Moira Lyons, but she lost her seat in her hometown.

In recent years, Witkos defeated Simsbury attorney Melissa E. Osborne three times with the races getting closer each time. He won by five percentage points in 2020 in the sprawling 8th district that stretches from Avon and Canton to Torrington and Colebrook.

A former chief, Witkos is now looking forward to rejoining the Canton volunteer fire department.

Republicans have held the 8th district for more than 50 years, dating back to the days of Lewis B. Rome, Reginald Smith, James Fleming and Thomas Herlihy.

Various candidates are already scrambling to run for the two open seats. State Rep. John Hampton, a moderate Democrat from Simsbury, was encouraged by supporters to run for the Senate, but he said Tuesday that he will be seeking reelection to his state House seat that he has held since 2013.

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### Court

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rary understandings of the terms "gender" and "sex" ... renders this issue uniquely well suited for consideration in the first instance by the legislature, which is the policy-making branch of our government."

The court decided the narrow question of whether private exercise areas for women are discriminatory after two male fitness buffs complained to the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities that they had to wait in line to use exercise equipment in the crowded, coed portion of their gyms, while there

was no waiting in the mostly empty spaces restricted to women.

But complicating the question were broader concerns that long have been at the center of the civil rights and women's movements. Must everyone be treated equally under the state's progressive anti-discrimination laws? Or are some groups, such as women, entitled to greater protections under the law as compensation for historic discrimination or to protect religious belief?

The court was also asked to confront changing attitudes toward gender. When the court and the legislature outlawed sex-based discrimination four decades ago, it was presumed then that one was either a man or a woman. There is understanding now that gender identity can be based on something other than biology.

A hearing officer for the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities ruled against the men, saying there is a third exception implied in the public accommodation law – the right of women to gender privacy. Such a right, the hearing officer said, is compensation for past discrimination and is consistent with the intent of the public accommodation law, which was written to remedy past injustice.

The commission, which appointed the hearing officer, then disputed her conclusion. It took a more traditional view of privacy and discrimination, arguing the intent of the state law is equality for women, not preferential treatment a position taken in the past by the National Organization for Women. The commission appealed to the Superior Court, lost, and appealed again.

The court said it based its decision on a strict reading of the "plain language" of the public accommodation law. The law "expressly" creates two sex-based exceptions to its anti-discrimination provisions certain sleeping accommodations and bathrooms or locker rooms.

"There is no implied customer gender privacy exception to the statute," the court said.

The court recognized concerns that its strict reading of the law could lead to "absurd or bizarre results" because of its unequivocal prohibition of womenonly places such as dressing rooms, lactation rooms and domestic violence shelters. Interfaith groups, among others, told the court that some women are prohibited from exercising with men for religious reasons.

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Others may disagree, the court said, suggesting the legislature take up the question.

"Nevertheless, we acknowledge that our analysis of the plain and unambiguous statutory text ... may lead to a result that might well have been unintended by the legislature, including with respect to its application in hypothetical scenarios involving lactation rooms or dressing rooms, as posited by the defendants, the referee, and the trial court," the court

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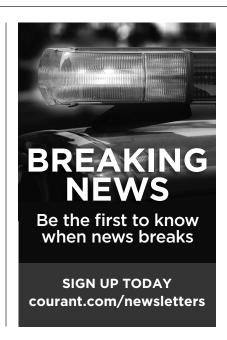
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### **Shortages**

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But Williams said that the CVH admissions office has not been properly staffed for weeks and requests for support have

'You didn't even have staff present to receive the calls of these folks and have the opportunity to redirect them," he said. "There were hundreds of voicemail messages that were left. ... If anyone knows anything about addiction treatment, timing is critical."

In response to the staffing issues, the union is calling on DMHAS to fill more than 300 vacancies at CVH, including 62 in the Addiction Services Division, by the end of April. The union also is requesting the creation of an additional 110 positions in Addiction Services by the end of July and that DMHAS immediately raise pay for some positions and invest in recruiting new employees.

Mongillo said that the department "continues to actively recruit for any vacancies."

The number of Americans who died of fatal drug overdoses has increased significantly over the course of the pandemic. Last year, federal researchers reported that more than 100,000 Americans died of overdoses during the 12-month period ending in April 2021, a nearly 30% increase from the prior year.

Williams, the CVH counselor, said that the recent death of a 13-yearold Hartford boy due to a fentanyl overdose "screams loudly that things are out of control."

"Yet while this out-of-control drug epidemic has continued unabated," he said, "the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has reduced its capacity for providing care to the state's hardest-to-serve population at its Middletown campus from 110 beds to about 30 over the past two years, with recent census being down to single digits."

As of Tuesday, there were no available beds at either CVH in Middletown or Blue Hills Hospital, according to DMHAS

Victor Rodriguez, a certified addiction counselor at Blue Hills Hospital, said that he increasingly cannot provide support and treatment to those reaching out for help.

We need to provide them with beds ... they call and there's no beds." he said.

State Sen. Saud Anwar, D-South Windsor, said during the press conference that the current issues facing DMHAS reflect a "resource issue" and argued that the state needs to invest more in substance use disorder treatment, as well as in staff recruitment and retention. Reimbursement disparities mean that psychiatrists can often find higher-paying work in the private sector or in another state, he said.

'We are begging our government to do the right thing: to keep these places open, put the resources in and invest in hiring," he said.

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# Migrants stuck at Hungary border

Nationalist leader is using them to score points in campaign

By Justin Spike Associated Press

MAJDAN, Serbia -Migrants huddle beside a small, smoky fire inside an abandoned building in northern Serbia, the last moments of warmth before setting out into the driving snow toward the razor wire, cameras and sensors of Hungary's electrified border fence.

A few hours later, they return, their efforts to cross through Hungary and toward Western Europe thwarted by the 10-foot fence and heavy Hungarian police patrols which, after intercepting them, escorted them back into Serbia.

"I'm going to Austria, I'm going to Germany, I'm going to the Netherlands," says Muhtar Ahmad, a 26-yearold from Aleppo, Syria, who is squatting with around 35 other migrants in the makeshift camp outside the Serbian village of Majdan, a mile from the Hungarian border.

"I'm not staying in Hungary. What's the prob-

As migrants from Syria, Afghanistan and other countries embark on the last stretch of their long journeys toward Europe's wealthier nations, their efforts to cross irregularly into the European Union through Hungary and the country's conten-



A migrant chops a branch inside an abandoned hangar Jan. 11 outside of Majdan, Serbia, near the borders of Hungary and Romania, BELA SZANDELSZKY/AP

tious practice of returning them to Serbia when they are caught — have made them part of a political campaign with which Hungary's nationalist leader hopes to win an general election later this year.

Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who polls suggest will face his closest election in more than a decade in April, is campaigning on a strict anti-immigration platform and is keen to use the prospect of a wave of migrants amassing at Hungary's border as a means to mobilize his conservative voter

"Just this year we stopped and detained ... more than 100,000 people," Orban claimed at a rare appearance before journalists in Decem-

"If the Hungarian fence had not stood there, more than 100,000 more illegal migrants would be now first in Austria, then in Germany."

One of the most outspoken opponents of immigration in Europe, Orban has said that migration threatens to replace the continent's Christian culture, and that illegal migrants are responsible for bringing infections like COVID-19 variants into his country.

"We do not want to be an immigrant country," Orban said during an interview with state radio this week.

As the election approaches, he has portraved current migration pressures as higher than in 2015, when hundreds of thousands of refugees came into the EU fleeing war and poverty in the Middle East and elsewhere, and when he ordered the construction of the country's border barrier.

But figures released by Serbian officials and the EU's border and coast guard agency suggest that far fewer individuals are attempting to enter Hungary than the right-wing leader claims.

"It's a little bit bigger number than, let's say, two years ago, but these are not big numbers. It's a small rise," said Nemanja Matejic, chief officer at a migrant reception center in the northern Serbian city of Subotica, of the current level of migrants along Hungary's border.

While Hungarian police put the number of migrants intercepted by Hungarian authorities at more than 122,000, data from EU border agency Frontex showed that there were 60,540 illegal border crossing attempts last year on the Western Balkan migration route, which includes the Hungary-Serbia border.

What's more, since most migrants are making repeated attempts to cross, the number of individuals involved is far smaller still.

Serbia's Commissariat for Refugees and Migration reports that there are 4,276 migrants residing in reception centers in Serbia and another 1,000 sleeping outdoors.

Frontex has noted that the majority of Western Balkan crossings "can be traced back to people who have been in the region for some time and who repeatedly try to reach their target country in the

Hikmad Serat, 20, from Nangarhar province, Afghanistan, took shelter in a remote abandoned building near the Serbian border town of Horgos this month as a cold snap took temperatures down to 14 degrees.

Serat said he has been in Serbia for 15 months, and has lost count of the number of times he has crossed into Hungary and been returned

by police. Many times I try, 100 times, more than 100 times. Every time, police arrest me and deport back to Serbia," Serat said.

This practice — where police deny migrants the right to apply for asylum and escort them back across national borders — is known as a "pushback." It has been declared unlawful by the EU's top court, and is in violation of international asylum treaties.

Matejic, the chief of the reception center, said that migrants making dozens of crossing attempts is "typi-

Many migrants have reported abuse by police after they leave Serbian territory for Hungary, Croatia or Romania. This includes having mobile phones destroyed or stolen, being made to sit or kneel in the snow for hours and receiving beatings.

Hungary's National Police Headquarters wrote in an email that they "strongly reject unsubstantiated allegations" of abuse of migrants.

Yet Matejic said 150 cases of broken limbs were recorded by the Subotica reception center in 2019.



The iconic Conny the Whale has graced The Children's Museum's grounds since the 1970s. But the 45,000-pound concrete sculpture won't be moving with the museum. A new caretaker, museum officials say, will be found. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

# Museum

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One thing that appears to be for sure is that Conny the Whale — a 45,000-pound concrete sculpture — that has graced the museum's grounds since the 1970s will not be moving with it.

The iconic Conny now synonymous with the museum and incorporated into its logo — isn't owned by the museum, Werle said. It was built by volunteers on behalf of the state to both recognize the sperm whale, Connecticut's state animal, and to call attention to the indiscriminate killing of the

Werle said it could cost \$200,000 or more to move the sculpture and with the prospect of the museum moving twice, it wasn't financially feasible for Conny to stay with the museum.

The museum is in negotiating with a handful of potential new caretakers for the sculpture, but it remains uncertain who would pay for the move and any needed repairs, Werle said.

The museum sold the property to Kingswood Oxford in 2002 and has leased it ever since, with the intention of eventually finding a new site.

Werle said he expects the museum also will announce "in the very near future" its permanent location in Hartford — where the museum was founded in 1927. Once it does, Werle said, it would be two or three years before the museum opens in the permanent location. Fundraising for the permanent site is continuing, Werle said.

Redevelopment of the museum site would further strengthen the gateway to West Hartford Center and the Blue Back Square area, where apartment occupancy is tight. Diagonally across Farmington Avenue from the museum site, a project is planned that would demolish two forlorn buildings and replace them with 48

upscale apartments. "This is a highly sought-after property in the heart of town, and we believe its sale will enable Kingswood Oxford to invest in its future as Continental Properties brings its vision to life in a vibrant West Hartford," said John Cafasso, a broker at commercial real estate services firm Colliers International, which represented the school.

Founded more than 65 years ago, Continental has built 25,000 units of housing in Connecticut, New

Jersey, New York, Florida, California and elsewhere. In Connecticut, Continental has developed and managed four projects: One Glastonbury Place, Glastonbury; Temp at The Promenade Shoppes at Evergreen Walk in South Windsor; and Montage and Alterra in Rocky Hill.

Tom Dillow, Kingswood Oxford's head of school, said Tuesday the planned development will fit well with the school and the proceeds will be reinvested back into Kingswood Oxford.

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### Hilton

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Last month, a \$29 million rescue plan aimed at keeping at least some of the hotel rooms open — considered critical to the city's convention business once it rebounds — took shape. The plans call for cutting the number of hotel rooms to 166. The upper floors would be converted to 60 studios, 82 one-bedrooms and five two-bedroom, with 20% reserved as "affordable" with tenants meeting certain income guidelines.

The Hilton — along with

other hotels in urban areas in Connecticut — took a huge financial hit in the pandemic as business travel dried up and has been slow to return. The Connecticut Post reported Tuesday, for instance, that a Shelton developer plans to buy the 40-year-old Holiday Inn in Bridgeport and convert it to housing.

Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said Tuesday keeping at least some hotel rooms would preserve as many jobs as possible, keep the building open and "allow for the capital investment the property has needed for a long time."

"This isn't the deal we would have wanted to do pre-pandemic, but it's the right move today," Bronin said, in a statement. "The residential conversion is consistent with our overall strategy to increase residential density in the downtown, and repositioning the hotel as a smaller operation is the only way to keep those hotel rooms available."

On Monday, the city council agreed to a new 49-year lease with an option to extend the agreement another 49 years and future purchase options.

Ownership of the building will be roughly divided in half. The hotel would be controlled by the Hilton's current owner, the Waterford Group. The apartments will be taken over by a partnership of Waterford and the apartment developer Randy Salvatore, of RMS Cos. of Stamford. Salvatore is the developer of the North Crossing project around Dunkin' Donuts Park.

The base rent would be \$1 a year. The PILOT payment for the hotel will be 3% of annual room revenue for 20 years, then a minimum annual payment will be established after the 21st year, in addition to other provisions. For the apartments, the PILOT will be 8.5% of the annual gross revenues for entire term of the agreement.

Council President Maly D. Rosado said Tuesday the council took into consideration the concerns about potential for job losses, expressed from various parts of the community, particularly the union that represents the majority of employees at the Hilton.

"We have been assured that negotiations have and will continue to take place so folks can provide for their families," Rosado said, in a statement. This was not an easy decision, but inaction

could have forced closure of the entire hotel leading to the loss of all jobs. That was a possibility we absolutely could not let happen."

The Waterford Group had tried to sell the ailing, aging hotel that was already sorely in need of updates prior to the pandemic. A buyer did not step forward last year. The Hilton faced imminent closure at the end of 2021 as its \$3.6 million in federal Payroll Protection Program funds were running out.

With the council's approval in hand, the project must still tie up financing and renegotiate a contract with the hotel's union.

# **WORLD NATION**

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# Russia holds flurry of military drills

Ukraine leaders urge citizens not to panic as tensions ramp up

By Ivan Nechepurenko and Marc Santora

The New York Times

With little sign of diplomatic progress, and rhetoric reminiscent of the Cold War. Russia on Tuesday announced a flurry of military drills across its vast territory, spanning from the Pacific Ocean to its western flank around Ukraine.

The announcement. which followed a series of military moves made by the United States and NATO aimed at deterring a Russian incursion into Ukraine, demonstrated the vast reach of the Russian forces and were carried out by units positioned to the north, south and east of Ukraine.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's leaders sought Tuesday to reassure the nation that an invasion from neighboring Russia was not imminent, even as they acknowledged the threat is real and received a shipment of U.S. military equipment to shore up their defenses.

President Joe Biden told reporters Tuesday that Russian President Vladimir Putin "continues to build forces along Ukraine's border," and an attack "would be the largest invasion since World War II. It would change the world."

Several rounds of diplomacy have failed to yield any breakthroughs, and tensions escalated this week. NATO said it was bolstering its deterrence in the Baltic Sea region, and the U.S. ordered thousands of troops on higher alert for potential deployment to Europe as



A soldier fires a mortar during a military exercise Tuesday at a training ground in Russia. RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY PRESS

part of an alliance "response force" if necessary. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson also said he is prepared to send troops to protect NATO allies in Europe.

"We have no intention of putting American forces or NATO forces in Ukraine," Biden said, adding that there would be serious economic consequences for Putin in the event of an invasion.

In Ukraine, authorities have sought to project calm in order not to destabilize the situation and avoid panic and many citizens have expressed skepticism that there will be an invasion

Speaking in the second televised speech to the

nation in as many days, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urged Ukrainians not to panic.

"We are strong enough to keep everything under control and derail any attempts at destabilization," he said.

Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov told Parliament that "as of today, there are no grounds to believe" Russia is preparing to invade imminently, noting that its troops have not formed what he called a battle group that could force its way through the border.

"Don't worry, sleep well," he said. "No need to have your bags packed."

In an interview late

Monday, however, he acknowledged that "there are risky scenarios" that "are possible and probable in the future."

The latest military moves by Russia involved tanks and drones, troops from regular infantry and elite paratroopers. They took place both near Ukraine and far from the region, with three navy ships taking part in joint drills with the Chinese fleet in the Arabian Sea, the Russian Defense Ministry said. The Russians limited access to independent journalists, instead releasing photos and video of the

In the west of Russia, crews boarded the Iskander-M short-range ballistic missile systems, drove them to a training ground and lifted their missiles up in their combat positions, according to a video released by the minis-

Closer to Ukraine, Russian troops continued to disembark heavy-duty armored vehicles and other equipment from rail platforms in Belarus, ahead of joint drills with Belarusian forces.

Belarus shares a border with Ukraine, and NATO and U.S. officials have warned that the influx of Russian forces there could threaten the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, less than 50 miles from Belarusian territory.

Dmitri Peskov, spokesman for President Vladimir Putin, dismissed such fears Tuesday, saying that tensions around Ukraine have been stirred up by the United States.

The United States has put 8,500 troops on "high alert" for possible deployment to Eastern Europe, and NATO has dispatched additional ships and fighter jets to the region to reassure anxious allies fearful of Russian aggression.

"We are observing such actions of the United States with profound concern," Peskov said Tuesday.

On Monday, in more extensive comments, Peskov said the U.S. and NATO were orchestrating "information hysteria" around Ukraine by reporting "lies" and "fakes."

'I would like to note that this is happening not because of what Russia is doing," he said. "It is happening because of what NATO and the U.S. do, because of the information that they spread."

On the other side of Ukraine, in Crimea, annexed by Russia in 2014, Russian tanks launched planned shooting exercises. The Russian contingent in Transnistria, a breakaway region of Moldova, on Ukraine's southwest, was put on combat alert as part of a planned exercise, the ministry said.

Other exercises were also reported in the North Caucasus, near Moscow, in the Baltic Sea. In the Ivanovo region near Moscow, the Yars mobile missile launcher vehicles, used for intercontinental missiles, began patrolling the area.

Associated Press contributed.

# Before court ruling, foes of abortion eye midterms

Optimistic activists preparing to pour cash into fall races

**By Thomas Beaumont** Associated Press

In the nearly two months since a conservative majority of justices on the Supreme Court indicated openness to dramatic new restrictions on abortion, money has poured into the political fundraising arm of the anti-abortion group Susan B. Anthony List.

The organization secured \$20 million in pledged financial contributions, five times more than it has had at the outset of an election year over its 30-year history, according to figures shared with The Associated Press. Before the recent surge, the group had already signed off on its largest-ever political budget, \$72 million, for 2022. That's nearly \$20 million more than it spent in 2020, a year that included a presidential election.

The cash pile virtually guarantees that the Supreme Court's abortion ruling, anticipated by the summer, will do little to quell what has become one of the most animating issues in the country. Abortion opponents say they will pump their newfound resources into the November elec-

Once a decision is issued. "there will be a lot of focus on all the states and the midterm elections," said Marjorie Dannenfelser, the president of Susan B. Anthony List.

The Supreme Court is considering a Mississippi law that bans abortions after

If the law is upheld. anti-abortion activists said much of the attention would shift to Kansas, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. These are states with Republican legislatures but Democrats in the governorship, each of whom is up for election in November.

If the Supreme Court overturns the Roe v. Wade ruling that women have a constitutional right to an abortion, governors in Michigan and Wisconsin would be powerless to overturn restrictions in their states that were already in place before the 1973 decision.

But these governors would be the only obstacle to new measures passed by GOP legislatures, including outright bans on the proce-

A Supreme Court decision is "really just the beginning of the work," said Terry Schilling, president of the socially conservative American Principles Project. "Groups have actually been really well-connected with state leaders and investing in campaigns at the local level in these swing states, trying to win control in divided governments."

Supporters of abortion rights, already feeling a heightened sense of alarm by the prospect of a defeat at the Supreme Court, are well aware of how important the governors' races may be to their cause.

'Really truly, governors in many states are going to be our backstop," said Jenny Lawson, vice president of organizing and electoral campaigns for Planned Parenthood Action Fund. "As the decisions come down to the states, these governors are the ones who can protect access."

She declined to specify how much money the group was budgeting to support candidates who back abortion rights.

Some Democratic governors up for reelection are highlighting their commitment to protecting some form of access.

"And as long as I'm governor, that's what I'll do," Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers said during a news confer-



Abortion rights and anti-abortion activists demonstrate Nov. 1 outside the Supreme Court as the justices hear arguments in a challenge to an abortion law. DREW ANGERER/GETTY

ence last week marking the 49th anniversary of the Roe decision.

"I'm proud to stand with so many Michiganders to protect the right to safe and legal abortion," Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer tweeted last week on the same day organizers of a ballot drive to enshrine abortion rights in the state constitution cleared a procedural step. Over the weekend, Whitmer tweeted that the right to abortion "hangs by a thread" in the Supreme Court.

For their part, abortion

opponents are undeniably upbeat as the Supreme Court decision nears.

But the political fallout from Roe being overturned could be volatile for both parties. A decision drastically reducing access to abortion could energize Democrats heading into the fall campaign.

The issue is already rising in priority for Democrats, according to a December poll from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The poll found that 13% of Democrats listed abortion or reproductive rights as an issue they want the federal government to address. That's up from less than 1% of Democrats who named it as a priority for 2021 and 3% who listed it in 2020.

Lawson predicted a court ruling sharply restricting or ending a federal right to abortion would "drive anger and outrage and cause a realignment at the voting

But for now, opponents of abortion say they're buoyed by a sense of momentum.

"It's different now," Dannenfelser said.



Beginning in 2024, students in the United States will not need paper and pencil to take the SAT. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY 2014

# Put down your pencils: SAT is taking a digital turn

By Carolyn Thompson Associated Press

The SAT exam will move from paper and pencil to a digital format, administrators announced Tuesday, saying the shift will boost its relevancy as more colleges make standardized tests optional for admission.

Test-takers will be allowed to use their own laptops or tablets or be provided a device, but they'll still have to sit for the test at a monitored testing site or in

The format change is scheduled to roll out internationally next year and in the U.S. in 2024. It will also shave an hour from the current version, bringing the reading, writing and math assessment from three

hours to about two. "The digital SAT will be easier to take, easier to give, and more relevant," said Priscilla Rodriguez, vice president of College Readiness Assessments at the New York City-based College

Board, which administers the SAT and related PSAT. "We're not simply putting the current SAT on a digital platform. We're taking full advantage of what delivering an assessment digitally makes possible."

Once essential for college applications, scores from admission tests like the SAT and rival ACT carry less weight today as colleges and universities pay more attention to the sum of student achievements and activities throughout high school.

Amid criticism that the exams favor wealthy, white applicants and disadvantage minority and low-income students, an increasing number of schools have in recent years adopted test-optional policies, which let students decide whether to include scores with their applications.

A College Board survey found many students want to take the SAT to preserve the option of submitting the scores and qualifying for certain scholarships.

# Virus booster drive tapers off in US

Americans consider first shots to be more essential, poll finds

By Mae Anderson Associated Press

NEW YORK — The COVID-19 booster drive in the country is losing steam, worrying health experts who have pleaded with Americans to get an extra shot to shore up their protection against the highly contagious omicron variant.

Just 40% of fully vaccinated Americans have received a booster dose, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And the average number of booster shots dispensed per day in the U.S. has plummeted from a peak of 1 million in early December to about 490,000 as of last week.

Also, a new poll from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that Americans are more likely to see the initial vaccinations — rather than a booster — as essential.

"It's clear that the booster effort is falling short," said Jason Schwartz, a vaccine policy expert at Yale Univer-

sity.
Overall, the U.S. vaccination campaign has been sluggish. More than 13 months after it began, just 63% of Americans, or 210 million people, are fully vaccinated with the initial rounds of shots.

Vaccination numbers are stagnant in states such as Wyoming, Idaho and Mississippi, which have been hovering below 50%

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On Tuesday, the Biden administration officially withdrew a rule that would have required workers at big companies to get vaccinated or face regular COVID-19 testing requirements.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration confirmed the withdrawal



Michael Burke, 21, receives a COVID-19 booster Jan. 12 in Oakland, Pennsylvania. ANDREW RUSH/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Tuesday. But the agency said it still strongly encourages workers to get vaccinated.

Numerous states and business groups challenged the rule in court. On Jan. 13, the Supreme Court halted the plan, issuing a 6-3 ruling in which the court's conservative majority concluded that OSHA had overstepped its authority.

Nevertheless, the U.S. and other nations have been urging adults to get boosters because the vaccine's protection can wane. Also, research has shown that while the vaccines have proved less effective against omicron, boosters can rev up the body's defenses against the threat.

As for why an estimated 86 million Americans who have been fully vaccinated and are eligible for a booster have not yet gotten one, Schwartz said public confu-

sion is one important reason.
"I think the evidence is now overwhelming that

now overwhelming that the booster is not simply an optional supplement, but it is a foundational part of protection," he said. "But clearly that message has been lost."

The need for all Ameri-

cans to get boosters initially was debated by scientists, and at first the government recommended only that certain groups of people, such as senior citizens, get additional doses. The arrival of omicron, and additional evidence about falling immunity, showed more clearly a widespread need for boosters.

But the message "has been lost in the sea of changing recommendations and guidance," Schwartz said.

The AP-NORC Center poll found that 59% of

Americans think it is essential that they receive a vaccine to fully participate in public life without feeling at risk of COVID-19 infection. Only 47% say the same about a booster shot.

Meanwhile, Pfizer and its partner BioNTech announced Tuesday that they are enrolling healthy adults to test a reformulated COVID-19 vaccine that matches the hugely contagious omicron variant, to see how it compares with the original shots.

COVID-19 vaccine-makers have been updating their shots to better match omicron in case global health authorities decide the change is needed.

Omicron is more likely than previous variants to cause infection even in people who've been vaccinated, but it's not yet clear that a change to the vaccine recipe will be ordered. Among the issues regulators are weighing: Some of the first places to face an omicron surge already are seeing the mutant wane and there's no way to know if the next variant that arises will resemble omicron or be

totally different.

The original vaccines still offer good protection against severe illness and death, studies in the U.S. and elsewhere have made clear.

The new U.S. study will include up to 1,420 volunteers ages 18 to 55 to test the updated omicron-based shots for use as a booster or for primary vaccinations. Researchers will examine the tweaked vaccine's safety and how it revs up the immune system in comparison to the original shots.

The nationwide controversy over how best to

confront the pandemic reared up Tuesday in Florida, as Gov. Ron DeSantis vowed to fight a decision from federal health regulators to block two coronavirus antibody treatments after the drugs were found to be ineffective against omicron.

The Republican's comments come a day after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration moved to revoke emergency authorization for the antibody drugs from Regeneron and Eli Lilly. The drugs, which were purchased by the federal government and administered to millions of Americans, had become a centerpiece of DeSantis' coronavirus response as he resisted vaccine mandates and other safety measures.

DeSantis did not elaborate on how he plans to oppose the FDA's decision.



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# Dems see inroads in redistricting

Drawing of maps has party saying it's dulling GOP edge

By Nicholas Riccardi and Bobby Caina Calvan Associated Press

NEW YORK — Democrats braced for disaster when state legislatures began redrawing congressional maps, fearing that Republican dominance of statehouses would tilt power away from them for the next decade.

But as the redistricting process reaches its final stages, that anxiety is beginning to ease.

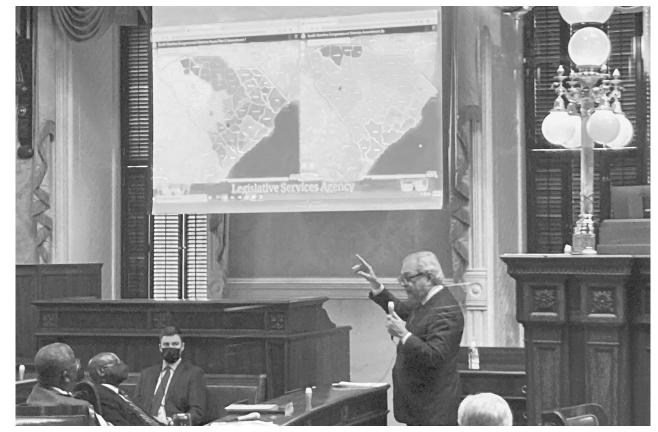
For Democrats, the worst case scenario of losing well over a dozen seats in the U.S. House appears unlikely to happen. After some aggressive map drawing of their own in states with Democratic legislatures, some Democrats predict the typical congressional district will shift from leaning to the right of the national vote to matching it, ending a distortion that gave the GOP a built-in advantage over the past five House elections.

"We have stymied their intent to gerrymander their way to a House majority," Kelly Ward Burton, head of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, said of the GOP.

The nation's congressional maps won't be settled for several months. Republicans in some states like Florida have yet to finalize proposed changes, giving the GOP a last-minute opportunity to seek an advantage.

But the picture could come into greater clarity this week as the Democratic-controlled New York state Legislature gets a chance to seize map-drawing power from the state's bipartisan commission. That would almost certainly blunt the GOP advantage that has been in place since the last redistricting process in 2010.

The jockeying in state capitals has implications not just



South Carolina state Sen. Dick Harpootlian, a Democrat, compares his proposed map of U.S. House districts drawn with 2020 U.S. Census data to a plan supported by Republicans on Jan. 20 at the State House in Columbia, S.C. **JEFFREY COLLINS/AP** 

for Democrats' uphill effort to maintain a majority in the U.S. House in this year's midterm elections. It will affect the broader balance of power in Washington and state legislatures for the remainder of the decade.

While Republicans say they've achieved their goals so far, they're surprised at how much Democrats have tried to expand the number of seats their party can win. The GOP has taken a different approach by aiming to shore up its vulnerable members' districts, transforming competitive seats into safe ones.

That's in part because Republicans already expanded the map with aggressive redistricting after the 2010 census, when they controlled more states. Now, as the lines are adjusted to meet 2020 census figures released last year, they are locking in their gains while Democrats are taking risks to

fight back.

In a wave election, Democrats could lose even more seats in the maps they have drawn because they spread their voters so thin, analysts say. And, if political coalitions shift in upcoming years, seats Democrats thought were within reach could suddenly disappear.

"Republicans have given themselves pretty good tsunami protection," said Michael Li of the Brennan Center for Justice, which tracks redistricting. "But for Democrats, if it rains a little, their house is flooded."

The Democratic push comes as the party has unsuccessfully fought to ban partisan gerrymandering nationwide — their elections bill barring the practice died in the Senate last week during a Republican filibuster. Li said Democrats, however, are still gerrymandering in states they control, sometimes aggressively as in

Illinois, other times relatively lightly, as in New Mexico and Oregon. In contrast, experts say Republicans, who control more states, have gerrymandered heavily in places like Texas, North Carolina and Ohio. But the GOP's Ohio maps were tossed out by the state Supreme Court this month, and Democrats are hopeful North Carolina's high court follows suit with the districts there, part of the reason for the party's increased optimism.

The next and biggest opportunity for Democrats is in New York. Saying they wanted to take partisanship out of redistricting, Democrats there in 2014 backed a ballot measure to put the process in the hands of a bipartisan commission. But the state legislature can overrule the commission. In 2014 it was divided between Democratic and Republican control. Now Democrats have a supermajority in both

houses.

The New York Legislature already rejected the commission's first attempt at maps, and Democrats on the commission declared a deadlock on Monday, giving the Legislature the opportunity to draw its own maps.

"The Democratic leader-ship and those on the far left that run the show in Albany, they're hellbent to take this process over to derail the commission, and to have the party bosses in Albany draw the maps," said Nick Langworthy, chairman of the New York GOP. "I think that they looked at a handful of states to give them a shot to hold on to the majority."

Republicans need only to net five seats in November's election to gain control of the U.S. House. They started the redistricting cycle controlling line-drawing in states representing 187 House seats while Democrats controlled only 75.

That means the final outcome will inevitably favor the GOP, no matter how hard Democrats fight back, said Kimbrall Brace, a veteran redistricting consultant. "They're ending up still putting a Republican flavor on the overall plan," he said.

So far, the GOP has gained a handful of seats in the maps that have been finalized, but it's hard to put a precise number on how many because half of the states have yet to formally adopt maps. If Democrats are aggressive, they could net four seats in New York and largely wipe out the GOP's national gains. But then Republicans in Florida could counter with a gerrymander.

Still, Republicans have passed up multiple opportunities to pad their margins.

In Missouri, some GOP state lawmakers are fuming that the legislature is advancing a plan that locks in the status quo rather than trying to turn Democratic Rep. Emanuel Cleaver's Kansas City-area seat to the GOP. In Indiana, Republicans did not split up the Garybased district represented by Democratic Rep. Frank Mrvan.

Even in Georgia, where Republicans flooded a seat in the Atlanta suburbs held by Democratic Rep. Lucy McBath with GOP voters, they balked at doing the same to her Democratic neighbor, Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux. Instead, they packed Democratic voters into Bourdeaux's district, making it safer so no other Republicans' seats would be at risk.

Adam Kincaid, executive director of the National Republican Redistricting Trust, said shoring up Republican incumbents is the party's top priority. He cites Texas, where the GOP-drawn maps make the few Democratic seats even more Democratic. That stacks up more Republican voters in the 23 GOP-held congressional districts and transforms them into safe seats.



some parts of Turkey. Greece was also slammed with a winter storm. **EMRAH GUREL/AP** 

# Deadly winter storms wreak havoc in Turkey and Greece

By Mehmet Guzel and Elena Becatoros Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Rescue crews in Istanbul and Athens dug through snow and ice Tuesday to clear paralyzed roads and rescue people stranded overnight in their cars after snowstorms and a massive cold front brought much of Turkey and Greece to a standstill. Two storm-related deaths were reported.

Highways and roads in Istanbul became clogged Monday after the storm pounded the city of 16 million that straddles Europe and Asia — dropping more than 31 inches of snow in some areas. Stranded motorists spent the night in their cars, abandoned their vehicles to walk home or crowded subways and other limited public transportation.

All highways and main roads in Istanbul were reopened by Tuesday afternoon, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Adil Karaismailoglu announced on Twitter, while Istanbul Gov. Ali Yerlikaya said restrictions on vehicles traveling into

Istanbul were lifted.

Authorities also cleared a runway at Istanbul Airport on Tuesday, allowing limited flights to resume. Flights were suspended Monday for safety reasons at the airport, where the roof of a cargo facility collapsed from the weight of the snow.

Istanbul's other airport, Sabiha Gokcen, was also operating with limited services.

In Athens, rescue crews freed up to 300 drivers trapped on a major highway that connects the Greek capital with the city's international airport.

Drivers there had abandoned their cars and walked home. Others had trekked to a nearby train station, jumping over barriers to reach the platform after spending the night in their cars. Train service had been suspended, but a train was sent Tuesday to pick strag-

glers up.

The army was sent out overnight to deliver food and water to those trapped and to help free as many as possible. Officials said each trapped driver would receive about \$2,265, in compensation.

"It was a very difficult night and we faced unprecedented conditions," Civil Protection and Climate Change Minister Christos Stylianides said. "I want to again express an apology from the state for all the difficulties that the (stranded) drivers faced."

By Tuesday, the heavy

By Tuesday, the heavy snowfall had mostly stopped but many streets in Athens remained blocked by fallen trees and several northern neighborhoods were without power. Authorities had ordered all but essential businesses shut on Tuesday, and have extended that for Wednesday in the wider Athens area and several other regions.

and several other regions.
In the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki, police said a homeless man who had been sleeping outdoors was found dead Tuesday. Local authorities said the 60-year-old had refused to relocate to a shelter.

In Turkey, authorities recovered the body of a 34-year-old who is believed to have died in heavy snowfall while trying to reach his village in Amasya province, 202 miles northwest of Ankara, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported.

# Police in London open probe of Johnson's lockdown parties

**By Danica Kirka** Associated Press

LONDON — The "partygate" scandal that threatens to derail U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's administration deepened Tuesday as police opened an investigation into gatherings at government offices that allegedly violated COVID-19 lock-

down rules.

London's Metropolitan Police Service has launched an inquiry into "a number of events" at Johnson's Downing Street office and other government buildings because they met the force's criteria for investigating the "most serious and flagrant" breaches of coronavirus rules, Commissioner Cressida Dick told a committee of the London Assembly, the capital's local govern-

ment council.

Johnson is facing calls to resign amid revelations that he or his staff attended social events during periods of lockdown when most social gatherings were banned in England, forcing average citizens to miss weddings, funerals and birthdays as friends and relatives died alone in hospitals.

The announcement throws into doubt the timetable for when Sue Gray, a senior civil servant leading the Cabinet Office inquiry, will release her report.

Gray had been expected to finish this week, but rules governing the investigation allow the inquiry to be paused if she turns over evidence of potential criminal offenses to the police.

The prime minister's spokesman, Max Blain, said the investigations team and the police were talking.

Before the police inves-

Before the police investigation was announced, Johnson was fighting off new allegations of rule breaking aimed directly at him.

ITV News reported late Monday that John-



Police are looking into whether Prime Minister Boris Johnson violated COVID-19 lockdown rules. Above, an officer outside 10 Downing Street on Tuesday. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

son's then-fiancee threw a birthday party for him — complete with cake — inside his Downing Street offices on June 19, 2020, followed by another gathering for family and friends in his official residence.

The prime minister's office confirmed that the events took place, but denied that they violated lockdown regulations. The first was a brief gathering with colleagues who Johnson was already in close contact with and the second involved a small number of family members who met outside in a garden, in line with coronavirus rules.

Such careful parsing of the rules fueled a debate in the House of Commons, where opposition lawmakers once again called on the prime minister to resign.

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The police investigation is just the latest episode in the "partygate" scandal that has destabilized Johnson's conservative government for the past sx weeks. Johnson initially denied that any rules had been broken, but he was forced to order an investigation after video emerged of a senior staff member making jokes about a wine-and-cheese party in the prime minis-

ter's press office.

Johnson later apologized for attending a party in the garden outside his Downing Street offices in May 2020, saying he initially thought it was a work gathering allowed by the rules but recognized on hindsight that it wasn't appropriate.

Police have previously faced criticism for suggesting they wouldn't investigate the Downing Street parties because officers don't routinely investigate historical breaches of coronavirus regulations, where the only penalty available is a fine.

Fines of up to \$13,490 were imposed for breaching lockdown rules.

But Dick said Tuesday that police were prepared to conduct retrospective investigations where there were "really flagrant breaches" of the rules. Before such investigations are carried out, she said, three criteria must be met: there is evidence that those involved knew or should have known they were breaking the law, not investigating would "significantly undermine" the law, and there seems to be no reasonable defense for the conduct.

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# RFK Jr. apologizes for **Anne Frank comment** at anti-vaccine rally

From news services

Anti-vaccine activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. apologized Tuesday for suggesting things are worse for people today than they were for Anne Frank, the teenager who died in a Nazi concentration camp after hiding with her family in a secret annex in an Amsterdam house for two years.

Kennedy's comments, made at a Washington rally Sunday put on by his anti-vaccine nonprofit group, were widely condemned as offensive, outrageous and historically ignorant.

It's the second time since 2015 that Kennedy has apologized for referencing the Holocaust during his work sowing doubt and distrust about vaccines.

"I apologize for my reference to Anne Frank, especially to families that suffered the Holocaust horrors," Kennedy said in a Tuesday tweet. "My intention was to use examples of past barbarism to show the perils from new technologies of control. To the extent my remarks caused hurt, I am truly and deeply sorry."

Kennedy's wife, the actress Cheryl Hines of HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm," later distanced herself from her husband in her own tweet. She called the reference to Anne Frank "reprehensible and insensitive."

Kennedy, a nephew of President John F. Kennedy and the son of his slain brother, former U.S. attorney general, civil rights activist and Democratic presidential contender Robert F. Kennedy, on Sunday had complained that the nation's leading infectious disease doctor, Anthony Fauci, was orchestrating "fascism."

"Even in Hitler's Germany, you could cross the Alps to

in an attic like Anne Frank did," he told the crowd.

Kennedy apologized in 2015 after he used the word "holocaust" to describe children whom he believes were hurt by vaccines.

Russia crackdown: Russian authorities have added imprisoned opposition leader Alexei Navalny and some of his top allies to the country's registry of terrorists and extremists, the latest move in a multipronged crackdown on opposition supporters, independent media and human rights activists.

Navalny, Russian President Vladimir Putin's fiercest critic, and eight of his allies – including top aides Lyubov Sobol and Georgy Alburov - were on Tuesday added to the registry by Russia's Federal Financial Monitoring Service.

The law requires that the bank accounts of those on the list be frozen.

The move comes just a over a year after Navalny's arrest, which triggered a wave of the biggest mass protests across the country in years.

The politician was detained upon his return from Germany, where he spent five months recovering from a nerve agent poisoning he blamed on the Kremlin. Russian authorities have denied any involvement.

Navalny was ordered to serve 2 ½ years in prison for violating the terms of a suspended sentence stemming from a 2014 fraud conviction.

2nd NYPD officer dies: A New York City police officer gravely wounded last week in a shooting that killed his partner has also died of his injuries, the city's police



A man holds photos of Malian leader Col. Assimi Goita, left, and Lt. Col. Paul Henri Sandaogo Damiba, Burkina Faso's new leader, on Tuesday in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Mali's president was ousted in May, while Burkina Faso's president was deposed this week. Supporters said the military coups were needed to solve the neighboring African countries crises. SOPHIE GARCIA/AP

was taken off life support at a Manhattan hospital four days after a gunman shot him and Officer Jason Rivera, 22, as they responded to a domestic disturbance call. Rivera died Friday.

The two officers were called Friday to a Harlem apartment by a woman who said she needed help with her adult son. Lashawn McNeil threw open a bedroom door and shot the officers as they walked down a narrow hall, authorities said.

A third officer, Sumit Sulan, a rookie who was shadowing Mora and Rivera - shot McNeil as he tried to flee. The gunman, 47, died Monday, authorities said.

Mora's funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Rivera's funeral is scheduled for Friday at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan.

NKorea weapons test: North Korea on Tuesday test-fired two suspected round of weapons launches this month, South Korean military officials said.

One official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing department rules, said South Korean and U.S. intelligence officials were analyzing the launches, but didn't provide further details.

Tuesday's launches could have been follow-up tests of a weapon North Korea has described as a longrange cruise missile and first tested in September, said Kim Dong-yub, a professor at Seoul's University of North Korean Studies.

State media in reports at the time said the missiles were fired from launcher trucks and could strike targets 932 miles away. It described those missiles as a "strategic weapon of great significance" — wording that implies they were developed to carry nuclear weapons.

Iran nuclear talks: Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said Tuesday an agreement with the United States over its nuclear deal with world powers is possible if sanctions on Iran are lifted, state TV reported.

Raisi's comments came a day after Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian signaled a willingness by Iran to engage directly with the U.S. in discussions over the deal if necessary to reach a satisfactory agreement.

"If the parties are ready to lift the oppressive sanctions, it is quite possible any agreement can be reached," Raisi said in a live broadcast.

Iran and world powers have begun another round of nuclear talks in Vienna, Austria aimed at salvaging the tattered 2015 nuclear

The meetings include all the deal's remaining signatories — Iran, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China.

The U.S. has participated only indirectly in the ongoing talks because it withdrew from the accord in 2018 under then-President Donald Trump.

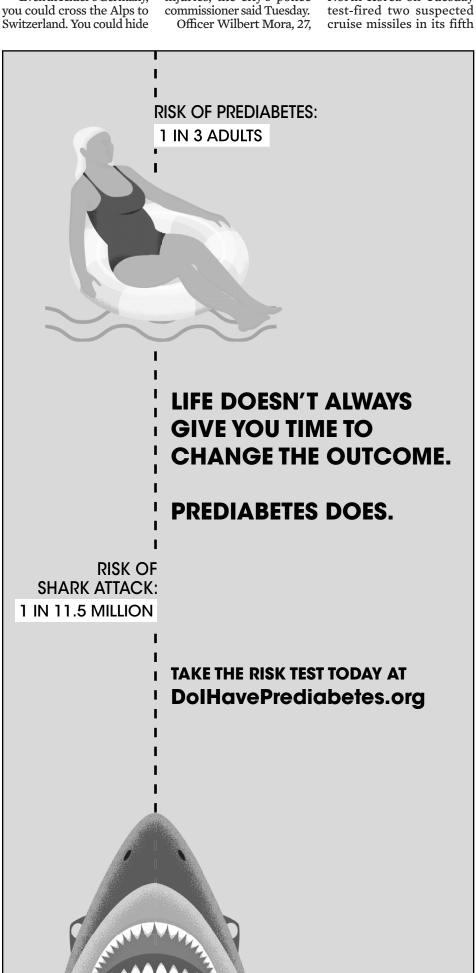
Avenatti-Daniels case: Once-prominent California attorney Michael Avenatti took over representation of himself Tuesday at his latest criminal trial.

The move sets the stage for Avenatti to directly confront former client and porn star Stormy Daniels over her claims that he stole some of the money she was owed for her autobiography.

U.S. District Judge Jesse Furman granted Avenatti's request at his Manhattan trial on wire fraud and aggravated identity theft charges after he cited a "breakdown" with his lawyers over trial strategy.

Daniels was expected to take the witness stand at the trial as early as Wednesday.

Avenatti has asserted his innocence on the claims that he pocketed nearly \$300.000 of the \$800.000 advance paid to Daniels for her 2018 book "Full Disclo-



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# BUSINESS

# US survey of firms finds 'alarming' chip shortages

Commerce chief calls on Congress to back legislation to boost domestic output

By Ana Swanson and Catie Edmondson

The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The United States is facing an "alarming" shortage of semiconductors, a government survey of more than 150 companies that make and buy chips found; the situation is threatening U.S. factory production and helping to fuel inflation, Gina Raimondo, the commerce secretary, said.

She said the findings showed a critical need to support domestic manufacturing and called on Congress to pass legislation aimed at bolstering U.S. competitiveness with China by enabling more American

"It's alarming, really, the situation we're in as a country, and how urgently we need to move to increase our domestic capacity," Raimondo said Monday.

The findings show demand for the chips that power cars, electronics, medical devices and other products far outstripping supply, even as global chipmakers approach their maximum production capacity.

While demand for semiconductors has increased 17% from 2019 to 2021, there was no commensurate increase in supply. A vast majority of semiconductor fabrication plants are using about 90% of their capacity to manufacture chips, meaning they have little immediate ability to increase their output, according to the data that the Commerce Department compiled.

Chip shortages have forced some factories that rely on the components to make their products, like those of U.S. carmakers, to slow or suspend production. That has dented U.S. economic growth and led to higher car prices, a big driver of the soaring inflation in the United States. The price of a used car grew 37% last year, helping to push inflation to a 40-year high in December.

The Commerce Department sent out a request for information in September to global chipmakers and consumers to gather information about inventories, production capacity and backlogs in an effort to understand where bottlenecks exist in the industry and how to alleviate them.

The results of that survey, which the Commerce Department published Tuesday, reveal how scarce global supplies of chips have become.

The median inventory among buyers had fallen to fewer than five days from 40 days pre-pandemic, meaning that any hiccup in chip production — because of a winter storm, for example, or another coronavirus outbreak - could cause shortages that would shut down U.S. factories and once again destabilize supply chains, Raimondo

"We have no room for error," she added. To help address the issue, Biden admin-

istration officials have coalesced behind a sprawling bill that the Senate passed in June as an answer to some of the nation's supply chain woes.

The bill, known in the Senate as the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act, would pour nearly \$250 billion into scientific research and development to bolster competitiveness against China and prop up semiconductor makers by providing \$52 billion in emergency subsidies.



People walk by a Chipotle restaurant in New York City. The fast-food chain cited higher labor costs for a 4% hike in the price of its menu items last summer and is looking for other ways to boost profitability. That includes higher prices for delivery. ANDREW RENNEISEN/GETTY 2016

# Sticker shock on the menu

Fast-food restaurants raising their prices to counter higher costs for ingredients, labor

**By Julie Creswell** The New York Times

On a chilly afternoon this month, James Marsh stopped by a Chipotle near his suburban Chicago home to grab something

It had been a while since Marsh had been to Chipotle – he estimated he goes five times a year — and he stopped cold when he saw the prices.

"I had been getting my usual, a steak burrito, which had been maybe in the mid-\$8 range," said Marsh, who trades stock options at his home in Hinsdale, Illinois. "Now it was more than \$9."

Last year, the price of menu items at fastfood restaurants rose 8%, the biggest jump in more than 20 years, according to government data. And, in some cases, portions have shrunk.

"In recent years, most fast-food restaurants had, maybe, raised prices in the low single-digits each year," said Matthew Goodman, an analyst at M Science, an alter-

native data research and analytics firm. "What we've seen over the last six-plus months are restaurants being aggressive in pushing through prices."

Chains like McDonald's, Chipotle and Wingstop were big winners of the pandemic as consumers increasingly turned to them for convenient solutions. But in the past year, as the cost of ingredients rose and the average hourly wage increased 16% to \$16.10 in November from a year earlier, according to government data, restaurants began to bump up prices.

But making customers pay more is tricky. For many restaurants, it involves walking a fine line between raising prices enough to cover expenses while not scaring away

While Chipotle executives blamed higher labor costs for a 4% price increase in menu items this past summer, the company has been looking for ways to boost its prof-

One way was to charge higher prices for delivery. Delivery orders through vendors like DoorDash and Uber Eats exploded for Chipotle and other fast-food chains during the pandemic. But so did the commission fees that Chipotle paid the vendors. So in fall 2020, it tested what would happen if it raised prices of food to be delivered, executives told Wall Street analysts in an earnings call. It essentially meant the customer covered Chipotle's side of the delivery costs.

That does not mean customers are thrilled about the extra costs. This month, Jacob Herlin, a data scientist in Lakewood. Colorado, ordered a burrito for \$11.95, a Coca-Cola for \$3, and chips and guacamole, which were free with a coupon. The total was \$14.95, before tax.

But when he clicked to have the food delivered, the price for the burrito jumped to \$14.45, and the soda climbed to \$3.65, bringing the total to \$18.10 before tax. Herlin was also charged a delivery fee of \$1 and a "service fee" of \$2.32, bringing the total to \$23.20. He tipped the driver an additional \$3.

Herlin said he did not mind paying for delivery and wanted drivers to be paid a decent wage. But he felt that Chipotle was not being upfront with customers.

"They're basically hiding the fees two different ways, through that base price increase and through the hidden 'service fee," Herlin said in an email. "I would very much prefer if they had the same pricing and were just honest about a \$5 delivery

# Walmart takes stake in a vertical farm startup

By Anne D'Innocenzio

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Walmart said Tuesday that it has taken a stake in agriculture startup Plenty, becoming the first large U.S. retailer to significantly invest in indoor vertical farming as a way to deliver fresher produce to its stores.

Vertical farmers tout their high-quality produce that brings higher yields while using less water and land. The method also doesn't use pesticide, and the produce can be grown year round near the point of distribution, increasing the reliability of supply.

Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, declined to comment on the financial terms

But the retailer based in Bentonville, Arkansas, said that it will join Plenty's board at the close of the transaction.

The deal comes as grocery stores are under pressure to have more environmentally friendly practices.

Plenty, based in San Francisco, is one of many players in the fast-growing field of indoor farming. Others include Morehead, Kentucky-based AppHarvest, and New York-based Gotham Greens.

Plenty, which was founded in 2014 and has a vertical farm in South San Francisco, also operates an indoor plant science research facility in Laramie, Wyoming. It is building in Compton, California, in what it says will be the world's highest output vertical indoor

Plenty said its vertical farming towers are designed to grow multiple crops on one platform in a building the size of a big-box retail store. Its systems feature vertical plant towers, LED lighting and robots to plant, feed and harvest crops. It says its farms use 1% of the land that an outdoor farm requires while delivering anywhere from 150 to 350 times more food per acre.

### **BUSINESS BRIEFING**

# IMF cuts global growth forecast

WASHINGTON — The International Monetary Fund is downgrading its forecast for the world economy this year, citing the spread of COVID-19's omicron variant, higher energy prices, an uptick in inflation and a deteriorating outlook for the world's two biggest economies — the United States and China.

The 190-country lending agency now forecasts the global economy will expand 4.4% in 2022. That's down from an estimated 5.9% last year and from the 4.9% the IMF was forecasting for 2022 back in October.

The IMF slashed the growth forecast for the United States to 4% from the 5.2% it predicted in October.

The Chinese economy is forecast to grow 4.8% this year — down from 8.1% last year.

# **UAE** sheikhdom to allow 'gaming'

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — One of the seven sheikhdoms in the United Arab Emirates said Tuesday that it will allow 'gaming" while announcing a multibillion-dollar deal with Las Vegas-based casino giant Wynn Resorts.

The announcement by Ras al-Khaimah comes after months of rumors about gambling coming to the UAE, home to skyscraper-studded Dubai and oil-rich Abu Dhabi. Islam, the religion of the Arabian Peninsula, prohibits gambling.

Ras al-Khaimah is the northern-most emirate in the UAE federation. It has been trying to raise its profile for years in the tourism market, which in the UAE is dominated by Dubai, and has liberal alcohol rules and an area focused on beach resorts.

# GM to put \$7B into Mich. EV, battery plants

By David Eggert and Tom Krisher **Associated Press** 

LANSING, Mich. – General Motors is making the largest investment in company history in its home state of Michigan, announcing plans to spend nearly \$7 billion to convert a factory to make electric pickup trucks and to build a new battery cell plant.

The moves, announced Tuesday, will create up to 4,000 jobs and keep another 1,000 already employed at an underutilized assembly plant north of Detroit.

The automaker plans to spend up to \$4 billion converting and expanding its Orion Township assembly factory to make electric pickups and \$1.5 billion to \$2.5 billion building a third U.S. battery cell plant with a joint-venture partner in Lansing.

The state's economic development board on Tuesday approved \$824 million in incentives and assistance for Detroitbased GM. The package was unveiled and authorized by the Michigan Strategic Fund Board. It includes a \$600 million grant to GM and Ultium Cells, the venture between the carmaker and LG Energy Solution, and a \$158 million tax break for Ultium. The board also approved \$66.1 million to help a local electric utility and township upgrade infrastructure at the battery factory site.

Both factories are scheduled to start producing in about two years, as GM rolls the dice on whether Americans will be willing to convert from internal combustion engines to battery power.

The Orion plant will join GM's "Factory Zero" facility in Detroit in building new electric Chevrolet Silverados and GMC Sierra pickups. When both plants are making trucks on three shifts, GM will have the ability to build 600,000 electric pickup trucks per year, GM CEO Mary Barra said.

The announcement is a critical win for Michigan, which lost out on Ford Motor Co.'s \$11 billion investment in three battery plants and a new vehicle assembly plant that went to Kentucky and Tennessee.

GM says it will build four battery cell factories in North America. The Lansing announcement is its third, but the location

of the fourth plant has not been announced. Other plants are being built in Lordstown, Ohio, and Spring Hill, Tennessee.

### States with the highest unemployment

Percentage of civilian labor force that was unemployed, December 2021 average, seasonally adjusted U.S.: 3.9%



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

TNS

# Pratt & Whitney ends 2021 with 15% revenue increase

**By Stephen Singer** Hartford Courant

Recovering commercial air traffic helped propel a 15% revenue increase for Pratt & Whitney in the final three months of 2021 over the same period in 2020 when COVID-19 forced many fleets to be grounded, parent company Raytheon Technologies Corp. reported Tuesday.

The East Hartford-based jet engine manufac-turer posted revenue of \$5.1 billion. The increase

over the fourth quarter of 2020 was driven by rising commercial airline equipment manufacturing and increased maintenance and repair of commercial planes.

Raytheon Technologies Chief Executive Officer Gregory Hayes described commercial air traffic as "resilient" despite the omicron variant of COVID-

By one measurement, global available seat miles rose 1% over the third quarter, he told analysts on a conference call. Traffic through U.S. airport checkpoints was steady at 1.9 million passengers a day, up nearly 125% from the fourth quarter of 2020, "a remarkable recovery," Hayes said.

The military side of Pratt & Whitney fell 6% over the fourth quarter of 2020 due to fewer spare parts sales on older aircraft.

For full year 2021, Pratt & Whitney generated sales of \$18.15 billion, up 8%.

Raytheon Technologies closed at \$90.31, up about 2.5%. Shares were down much of the day after the company reported that fourth-quarter revenue and its 2022 outlook missed Wall Street expectations.

The Waltham, Mass.based aviation and defense conglomerate, posted sales of \$17.04 billion, up 3.8% over the last three months of 2020.

It fell short of Wall Street expectations, with analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research calling for revenue of \$17.22 billion.

Adjusted earnings per share of \$1.08 exceeded analysts' expectations of \$1.01, according to Zacks Investment Research.

For 2021, Raytheon Technologies posted revenue of \$64.4 billion, up 14% from 2020, when the pandemic shut most airline routes initially and later imposed limits on air traffic. Earnings per share were \$4.27.

For 2022, Raytheon expects sales of between \$68.5 billion and \$69.5 billion, in line with Wall Street expectations. It said it expects adjusted earnings per share of between \$4.60 and \$4.80, which is less than

the \$4.90 analysts expect.

Baird Equity Research analyst Peter J. Arment said in a client note Monday he expects solid fourth-quarter reports from defense companies with outlooks meeting expectations, while the aerospace sector "should show some progress" as maintenance and repair business "syncs up with flight activity that continues to improve."

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### **ANALYSIS**

# What did, didn't happen as Davos forum again scrapped

**By David Gelles** 

The New York Times

In recent years, questioning the ongoing existence of the World Economic Forum's annual confab in Davos, Switzerland, became almost as much of a ritual as the event itself.

Each January, mainstream media outlets would publish headlines like Does Davos still matter?" "Is the World Economic Forum in Davos still relevant?" and "Does the world need Davos?" even as those publications sent their correspondents to the Alps.

Now, the naysayers have a chance to test their thesis. For the second year in a row, the annual in-person meeting in Davos was scrapped because of the coronavirus pandemic.

An in-person gathering was announced for late May, but the relatively last-minute change makes it easier to assess what has until recently been a hypothetical debate: Would it matter if Davos just went

In the immediate term,

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the answer seems to be: not all that much

Davos' defenders over the years have argued that the conference, with so much global media in attendance, is a singular place to advance the conversation about how to improve the state of the world.

This is where the stakeholder capitalism movement - which urges companies to look beyond the bottom line – gained traction, where globalization found its most ardent champions and where grandiose documents like the "Davos Manifesto," which calls on companies to be more responsible, debuted.

Yet even without the usual media breakfasts and cocktail receptions, many of the newsmaking events that are traditionally timed to coincide with Davos still happened this year.

Edelman, a public relations firm, still released its Trust Barometer. (Spoiler alert: The public doesn't trust anyone these days.) BlackRock CEO Larry Fink still released his annual letter. (Stakeholder capitalism still matters, he says, but so do profits!)

And the World Economic Forum itself decided to forge ahead with an abbreviated virtual program featuring a collection of heads of state and execu-

Others have held up Davos as one of the few places where governments, companies and nonprofits come together to address climate change and global health issues.

The World Economic Forum hosts the Tropical Forest Alliance, a collaborative effort to prevent deforestation. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, was created at the forum's meeting in 2000 and has been instrumental in bringing vaccines to poor countries. And in 2020, the World Economic Forum announced an initiative aimed at restoring and growing 1 trillion trees by 2030.

What didn't happen this month was the actual coming together of 10,000 or more movers and shakers in the Alps for a week of networking, bluster, idea

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A pedestrian makes his way along a mostly deserted area Jan. 9 in Davos, Switzerland. Davos ditched its annual economic forum again. CLARA TUMA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

swapping, skiing, parties and schmoozing. What looks like superfluous socializing, said Salesforce co-CEO Marc Benioff, can be a productive exercise.

"You can say it's a conference of the elites, that nothing gets done, that it's just a bunch of parties," Benioff said. But "there just aren't that many places where business leaders and government and religious and cultural and nonprofits and media all get together and have a true multistakeholder dialogue."

It is that mix of leadership, big money and big ambition, idealism and capitalism, that makes Davos Davos, and which, depending on whom you ask, is either the problem with the whole affair or the very point of it.

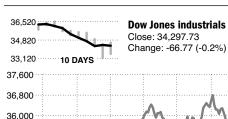
At the very least, it's the part that has proved hardest to replicate via Zoom.

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EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	116.94	-4.14	-8.2	SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	12.76	54	-19.3
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.64	66	-6.3	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)		-1.77	-6.2
Eversource Energy (ES)	85.57	58	-5.9	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD		+.10	8
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.55	+.14	-37.3	Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)		+.02	-17.6
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	74.93	+2.14	+22.5	Terex Corp (TEX)	42.21	+.23	-4.0
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# **OPINION**

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# Right-wing thought police emerges



**Paul Krugman** 

Americans like to think of their nation as a beacon of freedom. And despite all the ways in which we have failed to live up to our self-image, above all the vast injustices that sprang from the original sin of slavery, freedom — not just free elections, but also freedom of speech and thought — has long been a key element of the American idea.

Freedom is now under attack on more fronts than many people realize. Everyone knows about the Big Lie, the refusal by a large majority of Republicans to accept the legitimacy of a lost election. But there are many other areas in which freedom is not just under assault but in retreat.

Let's talk, in particular, about the attack on education, especially but not only in Florida, which has become one of America's leading laboratories of democratic erosion.

Republicans have made considerable political hay by denouncing the teaching of critical race theory; this strategy has succeeded even though most voters have no idea what that theory is and it isn't actu-

ally being taught in public schools. But the facts in this case don't matter, because denunciations of CRT are basically a cover for a much bigger agenda: an attempt to stop schools from teaching anything that makes right-wingers uncomfortable.

I use that last word advisedly: There's a bill advancing in the Florida Senate declaring that an individual "should not be made to feel discomfort, guilt, anguish or any other form of psychological distress on account of his or her race." That is, the criterion for what can be taught isn't "Is it true? Is it supported by the scholarly consensus?" but rather "Does it make certain constituencies uncomfortable?"

Anyone tempted to place an innocuous interpretation on this provision — maybe it's just about not assigning collective guilt? — should read the bill. Among other things, it cites as its two prime examples of things that must not happen in schools "denial or minimization of the Holocaust, and the teaching of critical race theory" — because suggesting that "racism is embedded in American society" (the bill's definition of the theory) is *just the same* as denying that Hitler killed 6 million Jews.

What's really striking, however, is the idea that schools should be prohibited from teaching anything that causes "discomfort" among students and their parents. If you imagine that the effects of applying this principle would be limited to teaching about race relations, you're being utterly naïve.

For one thing, racism is far from being the only disturbing topic in American history. I'm sure that some students will find that the story of how we came to invade Iraq — or how we got involved in Vietnam — makes them uncomfortable. Ban those topics from the curriculum!

Then there's the teaching of science. Most high schools do teach the theory of evolution, but leading Republican politicians are either evasive or actively deny the scientific consensus, presumably reflecting the GOP base's discomfort with the concept. Once the Florida standard takes hold, how long will teaching of evolution

Oh, and given the growing importance of anti-vaccination posturing as a badge of conservative allegiance, how long before basic epidemiology — maybe even the germ theory of disease — gets the critical race theory treatment?

And then there's economics, which these days is widely taught at the high school level. (Full disclosure: Many high schools use an adapted version of the principles text I co-author.) Given the long history of politically driven attempts to prevent the teaching of Keynesian economics, what do you think the Florida standard would do to

teaching in my home field?

The smear campaign against critical race theory is almost certainly the start of an attempt to subject education in general to rule by the right-wing thought police, which will have dire effects far beyond the specific topic of racism.

And who will enforce the rules?
State-sponsored vigilantes! Last month
Ron DeSantis, Florida's governor, proposed
a "Stop Woke Act" that would empower
parents to sue school districts they claim
teach critical race theory — and collect
lawyer fees, a setup modeled on the bounties under Texas' new anti-abortion law.
Even the prospect of such lawsuits would
have a chilling effect on teaching.

Did I mention DeSantis also wants to create a special police force to investigate election fraud? This is obviously an attempt to use a made-up issue — voter fraud is largely nonexistent — as an excuse for intimidation.

I'm sure that some people will say I'm making too much of these issues. But has there been any point over, say, the past five years when warnings about right-wing extremism have proved overblown and those dismissing those warnings as "alarmist" have been right?

Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

# Execute a dignified retreat in Ukraine



**Ross Douthat** 

One of the hardest challenges in geopolitics is figuring out how to conduct a successful retreat. We witnessed that reality last summer in Afghanistan, when the Biden administration made the correct strategic choice — cutting our losses instead of escalating to preserve a morally bankrupt status quo — but then staggered through a disastrous withdrawal that wounded his presidency and laid bare American incompetence to a watching world.

Now we face the same problem with Ukraine. The United States in its days as a hyperpower made a series of moves to extend our perimeter of influence deep into Russia's near-abroad. Some of those moves appear to be sustainable: The expansion of NATO to include countries of the former Warsaw Pact was itself a risk, but at the moment those commitments seem secure. However, the attempt to draw Ukraine out of Russia's orbit, the partway-open door to Ukrainians who preferred westward-focused alliances, was a foolish overcommitment even when U.S. power was at its height.

Note that this is not a question of what Ukrainians deserve. Russia is an authoritarian aggressor in the current crisis; Ukraine is a flawed democracy but a more decent regime than Vladimir Putin's oligarchy. When we gave Ukraine security assurances under Bill Clinton, opened the door to NATO membership under George W. Bush and supported the Maidan protests under Barack Obama, we were in each case acting with better intentions than Moscow in its own machinations.

But in geopolitics good intentions are always downstream from the realities of



A soldier stands in a trench in territory controlled by pro-Russian militants Tuesday in Slavyanoserbsk, Ukraine. **ALEXEI ALEXANDROV/AP** 

power. Whatever its desires or ours, the government in Ukraine has simply never been in a position to fully join the West — it's too economically weak, too internally divided and simply in the wrong place. And the actions of the Bush and Obama administrations — and for all of Donald Trump's personal sympathies for Putin, some Trump administration acts as well — have left us overstretched, our softpower embrace of Kyiv ill-equipped to handle hard-power countermoves from Moscow.

Given those realities, and the pressing need to concentrate U.S. power in East Asia to counter China, it's clear enough where an ideal retreat would end up: with NATO expansion permanently tabled, with Ukraine subject to inevitable Russian pressure but neither invaded nor annexed, and with our NATO allies shouldering more of the burden of maintaining a security perimeter in Eastern Europe.

But as with Afghanistan, the actual execution is harder than the theory. Coming to a stable understanding with Putin is challenging, because he's clearly invested in being a permanent disrupter, taking any opportunity to humiliate the West. Extricating ourselves from our Ukrainian entanglements will inevitably instill doubts about our more important

commitments elsewhere, doubts that will be greater the more that Kyiv suffers from our retreat.

And handing off more security responsibility to the Europeans has been an unmet goal of every recent U.S. president, with the particular problem that a key European power, Germany, often acts like a de facto ally of the Russians.

Given those difficulties, the Biden administration's wavering course has been understandable, even if the president's recent news conference was too honest by several orders of magnitude. The U.S. cannot do nothing if Russia invades Ukraine; we also would be insane to join the war on Ukraine's side. So the White House's quest for the right in-between response, some balance of sanctions and arms shipments, looks groping and uncertain for good reason: There's simply no perfect answer here, only a least-bad balancing of options.

But my sense is that we are still placing too much weight on the idea that only NATO gets to say who is in NATO, that simply ruling out Ukrainian membership is somehow an impossible concession. This conceit is an anachronism, an artifact of the post-Cold War moment when it briefly seemed possible that, as historian Adam Tooze puts it, the world's crucial

boundaries "would be drawn by the Western powers, the United States and the EU, on their own terms and to suit their own strengths and preferences."

That's not how the world works now, and precisely because it's not how the world works I would be somewhat relieved — as a U.S. citizen, not just an observer of international politics — to see our leaders acknowledge as much, rather than holding out the idea that someday we might be obliged by treaty to risk a nuclear war over the Donbas.

And if we cannot give up the idea outright, the idea of giving it up for some extensive period — like the 25 years suggested by Thomas Graham and Rajan Menon in a recent Politico op-ed — seems like a very reasonable deal to make.

Something can be reasonable and still be painful — painful as an acknowledgment of Western weakness, painful to the hopes and ambitions of Ukrainians.

But accepting some pain for the sake of a more sustainable position is simply what happens when you've made a generation's worth of poor decisions, and you're trying to find a decent and dignified way to a necessary retreat.

Douthat is a columnist for The New York Times.

# This Supreme Court won't uphold college affirmative action

**By Noah Feldman**Bloomberg Opinion

A revolution in university admissions

appears to be at hand.

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear two cases on affirmative action in higher education, raising the likelihood that it will strike down the practice in the near future. The only thing surprising about this development is the timing, in the same Supreme Court term that already promises other blockbuster conservative judgments.

The legality of race-based preferences in college admissions has been hanging by a thread for decades. Today, it would take two swing voters, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh, to preserve the status quo.

The legal background goes back to 1978 when Justice Lewis Powell wrote a single-justice concurrence in a case called Regents of California v. Bakke. The question was whether it violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment for a public university to factor an applicant's race in an admissions decision.

Liberals devised affirmative action to remedy the history of racism in admissions.

But Powell said that it was permissible for universities to consider race as part of an effort to create a diverse student body. The rationale came from a friend-of-the-court brief filed by Harvard University (where I teach) in which the university articulated a vision in which all students were said to have something special to contribute.

In the decades that followed, "diversity" became not just a legal rationale to allow affirmative action, but a value in itself, now inextricably linked to racial diversity. At the same time, conservative opposition to affirmative action has never waned. Constitutional attacks by activist groups have been a regular feature of the politics around it.

In 2003, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor provided the vote to keep diversity-based affirmative action constitutional as part of an overall qualitative assessment of candidates, even as she also held that race could not be counted quantitatively as part of a points system. The cases were Grutter v. Bollinger and Gratz v. Bollinger, both involving the University of Michigan.

When O'Connor retired and Justice Anthony Kennedy became the court's main swing voter, conservatives thought they were poised to end affirmative action altogether, since Kennedy had voted with them in Grutter and Gratz. But Kennedy flipped sides. In the 2016 case of Fisher v. University of Texas, he cast the deciding vote to uphold consideration of race as part of a "holistic" admissions analysis guided by diversity.

For O'Connor and Kennedy, the key motivation seems to have been that striking down affirmative action would leave elite universities with fewer Black and Latino students than the percentage in the general population. Neither justice wanted to be the cause of the cultural crisis that could emerge as a result of a judicial decision.

The question now is whether Roberts, who has consistently voted to strike down affirmative action, and Kavanaugh, who hasn't yet had the chance to vote on the issue on the Supreme Court, would go the way of Kennedy. That would entail betraying conservative orthodoxy.

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Kavanaugh is under criticism by conservatives for joining Roberts in upholding President Joe Biden's vaccine mandate for health care workers. Deviating from the movement's position on affirmative action would put him at risk for being treated as

an enemy by liberals on some issues and conservatives on others.

The upshot is that this is likely to be the end of the diversity rationale. Given that Harvard's theory provided the original rationale embraced by Powell, perhaps it's fitting that Harvard is a party to one of the two cases the court just agreed to hear. The key constitutional decision would have to come in the other case, involving the University of North Carolina, a public institution. The Harvard case, however, may serve the conservative justices as a good rhetorical tool.

In that case, anti-affirmative-action activists argued that diversity provided cover for discriminating against Asian American applicants. The lower courts rejected that charge. But the conservative justices could revive the claim to buttress the argument that affirmative action inherently violates the equal-protection guarantee for those who don't benefit from it.

If that happens, and affirmative action ends, universities will have to find ways to respond.

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TOWN OF ROCKY HILL
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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Agenda; B. Voted to elect Dimple Desai Chairman; C. Voted to elect Victor Zarrilli Vice Chairman Noted to elect Victor Zarimi Vice Chairman,
 Noted to elect Giuseppe Aglieco Secretary;
 Noted to close the public hearing and approve Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment, Town of Rocky Hill, to modify the language for Accessory Apartments as

follows:
3. C.2. Permitted by Zoning Permit in

3. C.2. Permitted by Zoning Permit in Residential Zones
4. Accessory Apartment - An accessory apartment provided that:
a. The property owner shall reside on the premises; and at least one accessory apartment can be allowed on each residentially zoned property.
b. The addition of an accessory apartment shall maintain the exterior appearance and style of the single-family dwelling.
c. The principal unit and the accessory unit may be connected by at least one (1) operable door on a common wall so that the floor area utilized for the accessory unit can be re-integrated into the principal unit in the future: or the accessory dwelling unit may be

floor area utilized for the accessory unit can be re-integrated into the principal unit in the future; or the accessory dwelling unit may be a detached accessory structure in compliance with Section 3. D.2.1 d. The square footage of the accessory apartment unit, whether added to a single-family dwelling unit or created internally within the same, shall not exceed thirty (30) percent of the gross floor area of the single-family dwelling unit after construction. e. The accessory apartment shall not:

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Result in more than one additional dwelling unit per lot.

f. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided in such a way so as to not create the appearance of a parking lot.

F. Voted to close the Public Hearing and approve Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment, Town of Rocky Hill, to modify the language for Parking Space Requirements as follows:

language for Parking Space Requirements as follows:
7.B.2.1.2 Residential-Related Uses
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e. Active-adult housing - not to exceed 1.0 space per one-bedroom units
f. Customary home occupations - 2.0 spaces in addition to residence requirement

in addition to residence requirement g. Accessory apartment - 2.0 spaces in addition to residence requirement G. Voted to approve the Actions from January

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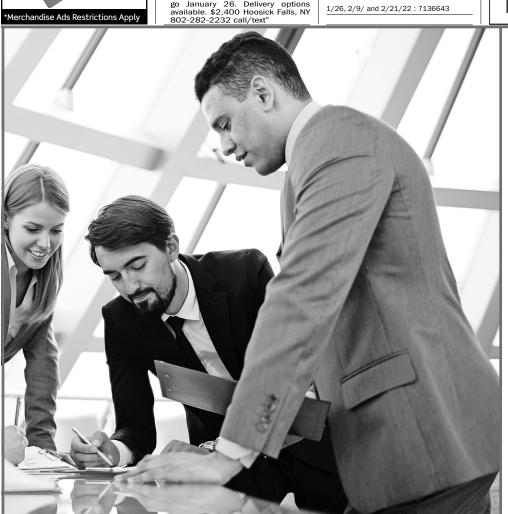
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### **OBITUARIES**

### Cresenzi, Frances Marie



Frances Marie Cresenzi, 89 of Farmington, widow of John Cresenzi, the love of her life, passed away Friday, January 21st, 2022. Born August 4th, 1932 in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Coradino and Elena (Buccelli) Morelli. Prior to retiring, she was employed for over 25 years at Curtis 1000 as an Order Editor. Frances was a long-

time communicant at the Church of St. Patrick in Farmington. She greatly enjoyed gardening, action movies and spending time with her family. She was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend. She touched everyone with her sweet demeanor and sparkle in her eye. She will be forever missed

Frances is survived by her devoted and loving daughter, Elena Rose Cresenzi of Farmington, her sister, Theresa Morelli of Manchester and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Friday (Jan. 28) from 9:00-10:30am. Funeral procession from The Ahern Funeral Home will be at 10:30am followed by the Funeral Liturgy in the Church of St. Patrick, 110 Main St., Farmington at 11:00am. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Farmington. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund at the Church of St. Patrick, 110 Main St., Farmington. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www. ahernfuneralhome.com.

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### Baldini, Richard T.



which he treasured.

Richard Tolve Baldini died on January 20, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. He was the 2nd child and son of Alfred W. and Rena F. Baldini, born in Hartford on February 9, 1946. The family lived on Magnolia Street in Hartford, to the new Laurel Park in Bloomfield in 1957 moving to the new Laurel Park in Bloomfield in 1957, where his Dad was a contractor for the new homes. He attended St Joseph Cathedral School and graduated Bloomfield High School class 1965. He proudly served in the United States Army, 1966-1968, as member of FIFTH US ARMY 202d MP Co. He was Military Police and served in Vietnam, earning the Viet Nam Service Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal (1st award), and Sharpshooter Badge-Rifle. Upon his discharge, he worked construction with his father's company, roofing and siding homes in Connecticut. Retiring to work at the former Andy's Market in Simshury. to work at the former Andy's Market in Simsbury. He was awarded a Quilt of Valor in 2019, hand quilted by Jean M from Andover CT, the Quilting Buddies #1003,

which he treasured.
Richard is predeceased by his parents Alfred W and Rena (Tolve) Baldini, and his older brother Alfred W Baldini, Jr., Richard is survived by nephews Justin M Baldini (Norma) and their children Makayla and Jackson of West Suffield, Alfred G Baldini of Suffield, Damon T Baldini (Kimberly) and their children Keegan and Hudson of Alexandria VA. His niece Julia A Baldini of Philadelphia PA, his Aunt, Hilda Tolve of Enfield. His cousins Carla (John) Osborne and their sons Brett and Blake, of Encinitas CA and Albert (Dany) Baldini of LaLonde Les Maures, France, his sister in law, Pamela (Muzzulin) Baldini of Suffield, and Bob Maulucci, a solid friend since their days at Bloomfield High. Thank you to the Rocky Hill Veterans Home staff and residents. You were his family. Rich's last thoughts were to return to Rocky Hill and of course a Pepsi. Donations may be made to the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs Recreation Fund, 287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. CT 06067

A graveside service will be held in the spring in Colonel Raymond F. Gates Memorial Cemetery in Rocky Hill Where full military honors will be accorded. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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### Knight, Clinton M.

Clinton M. Knight, 59 of District Heights, MD peacefully entered into eternal rest on January 12, 2022 at Laurel Memorial Center, MD. A remembrance of his life will be held on January 27, 2022 at all Faith Memorial Chapel in South Windsor, CT. Wake is at 10 AM followed by the service at 11 AM. Burial will be at Mountain View Cemetery in Bloomfield, CT.

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### Cramer, James



James "Jim" Peter Cramer, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away peacefully at nome surrounded by his loving family on January 22, 2022 Jim was born on May 1, 1938, to Benedict and Rose Cramer, the youngest of eight children. Jim was the loving husband to Dorothy Rose Cramer for 58 years. Together

they are the proud parents of five children, twelve grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Surviving Jim are his wife Dorothy, children and grandchildren Rose and Steve Jacobs (Amanda, Daniel), Geraldine and Tony Fimognari (Allison/Joe and Emmy, Christine, Tony), Doreen and Ted Beuchert (Tad/Samantha, Brendan), Jimmy and Sarah Cramer (Ellie, Ethan), Christopher and Shelly Cramer (Tommy, Haley, Caden). In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his seven siblings and his granddaughter Madison Rose. There will be a private Mass of Christian Burial. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Jim's name to the Farmington Valley VNA, 8 Old Mill Lane, Simsbury, CT 06070. Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of the arrangements. For condolences and the full obituary please visit www. carmonfuneralhome.com.



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### Fischer, John C.

John Carl Fischer, 76, of Avon (formerly of Simsbury) beloved husband of Janet (Bilezikjian) Fischer, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2022 after a long illness, complicated by COVID. Born and raised on Staten Island, NY, he was the son of the late John Carl Fischer and Catherine Bowers Fischer. He graduated from St. Agnes High School, Manhattan, in 1963. He attended Rutgers University, earning an undergraduate degree in accounting; later his MBA from the University of Hartford. He married the love of his life, Janet, whom he knew from the age of 14. They spent 55 wonderful years together. John took a leap of faith and began his career in the emerging industry of computer programming in the early 1970s. A decade later, he transitioned to the field of Human Resources. Together with his incredibly supportive wife, he founded the executive search firm Fischer Group International in 2000. They retired and sold the business in 2018. His favorite pastime was vacationing on the white sands of St. Maarten. He was also an avid New York Yankees fan. However, his greatest joy was spending time with his family, his children, and grandchildren, who affectionately called him Pop. John is survived by his wife; Janet (Bilezikjian) Fischer, his daughters; Debbie Driscoll and her husband Rich of Simsbury, Michele Woz and her husband Jason of Woodstock and Danielle Drozd and her husband Stew of Newington, his grandchildren; Patrick, Charles and Allison Driscoll of Simsbury, Brian Woz of Woodstock, J.T., Jessica and Sam Drozd of Newington. John's family will receive friends on Saturday, January 29, 2022, from Charles and Cormon Funeral Home & Family 9AM to 10:15AM at Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon, CT 06001. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will take place at 11AM at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 265 Stratton Brook Road, West Simsbury, 06092. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to Season's Hospice Foundation, 1579 Straits Turnpike Unit 1E, Middlebury, CT 06762. For condolences or directions please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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### Karimeddini, Mozafar



Mozafar Karimeddini, M.D., 75, of Bristol passed away peace-fully on January 22, 2022. He fully on January 22, 2022. He was born in Sirjan, Kerman, Iran on March 22, 1946, to Dr. Shoja Karimeddini and Eshrat Pooladi. Moz attended medical school in Tehran, Iran, and immigrated to the United States in 1973. He completed his medical training at Lawrence General Hospital.

States in 1973. He completed his medical training at Lawrence General Hospital, where he met his future wife, Pamela Ripley. After getting married, he and Pam moved to Ontario, Canada, where he completed a fellowship in Nuclear Medicine. Upon moving back to the United States, he practiced in Nuclear Medicine at UCONN Health for over 40 years. He was a longtime member and faithful attender of Farmington Avenue Baptist Church in West Hartford. He was known to all for his gracious spirit and generous heart. He is survived by his mother Eshrat Pooladi; his children Sara Swanger (and Tony) of Enfield, David Karimeddini (and Jessica) of Avon, Steven Khaje-Karimeddini (and Eden) of Maryland, Mary Carter (and Josh) of Ohio, and Peter Karimeddini of Bristol; his grandchildren Ariana, Micah, Lylah, Norah, Avah, Lukah, Olyvia, Matthew, Esther, Nathan, and Ruthanna; his siblings Hesameddin, Ziaeddin, Shahin, Shahla, Moezeddin, and Fereshteh. He was predeceased by his father in 1974 and his beloved wife Pamela in 2019. Moz's family will receive friends on Sunday, January 30, 2022, from 2 to 4 PM at Farmington Avenue Baptist Church, 155 Mountain Road, West Hartford, CT 06107. A Memorial Service will follow at the church at 4 PM. Donations in Moz's memory may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (www.michaeljfox. org). To leave online condolences for the family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com. org). To leave online condolences for the family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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### Davis, Phil



Phil Davis, 71 of Waterbury, peacefully passed away on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury. Friends will be received Friday, January 28, 2022 at All Faith Memorial Chapel, 90 Fitch Boulevard, South Windsor. Calling hour is 5pm-6pm; Funeral Service is at 6pm.

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### Herrick, Jr., Ernest N.



Ernest N. Herrick, Jr. 82, of Storrs, CT passed away peacefully Mansfield, in Connecticut on Thursday, January 20, 2022. He was born in Willimantic, CT on March 7, 1939, the son of the late Ernest Herrick Sr. and Ella Ruth Herrick.

Ernie is survived by his wife of 61 years Elsie (Loomis) Herrick of Storrs, daughter

Candace (Chamberlain) Nadeau and son in-law Philip Nadeau of Chicopee MA, granddaughter Lynda Best and grandson in- law Ryan Best of Middletown CT. Ernie also leaves behind his brother William Herrick of West Columbia, South Carolina, and his special sister-in-law Sharon Loomis as well as many nieces and nephews. Ernie was predeceased by his son Scott Herrick Ernie worked for the State of Connecticut for 37

years, retiring in 1994 as Director of Maintenance for the Department of Transportation. He worked for Close Jensen & Miller in Wethersfield from 1995 to 2001. From 1994 to 2008 he was the Executive Secretary of the Connecticut Asphalt & Aggregate Producers Association, and from 2006-2007 he was the Chairperson of the State Asphalt Pavement Association Executives, a national association with members throughout the country.

Ernie was a member of the Connecticut Army National Guard Company B 169 Infantry, the 248 Eng Co. for 8

vears, and the Connecticut National Guard Rifle Team. He was a member of the Willimantic Elks Lodge #1311. Ernie served as Chaplin for 8 years and was a past member of the Board of Trustees. He volunteered for the Bingo Committee, and enjoyed his time with his

bingo friends immensely.

Ernie was extremely dedicated to the fire department in Mansfield for 65 years. He first joined the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Co. at the age of 16 and then the Eagleville Fire Department in January 1961. He held officer positions from Lieutenant to Assistant Chief, and served many years as a Training Officer. He was a Fire Service Instructor for the Connecticut Fire Academy, Emergency Medical Tech Instructor for the Connecticut State Health Department, and was presented with the Training Officer Award in 1980 by the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association. Ernie served as President for the Windham & Tolland County Firemen's Association, Tolland Country Mutual Aid Fire Service, and served as both the President and a member of the Board of Directors for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. Ernie was appointed by Governor William O'Neil to be a member of the state's blue ribbon task force; writing the rescue regulations for the State of Connecticut. He also sat on the 911 commission for 32 years, six of which he served as Chairperson. Ernie was appointed as honorary Chairman of the Firefighters/EMS Mass in 1996. He became a member of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association Hall of Fame on April 9, 2009.

Along with his committee work, Ernie was instrumental in the development, funding, and building of the Connecticut State Firefighters Memorial in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. He served as chairperson for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association Memorial Committee until his retirement in 2019.

Ernie's favorite pastime was playing golf. Even when the weather was not perfect, he could be found out on the course. He also enjoyed salt water fishing, watch ing UConn women's basketball, and the New England Patriots Football. Ernie took pride in all of his life accomplishments, but he will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, firefighter,

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to the staff at Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation for their care and compassion. Also, a special thanks to his friends at Hartford Hospital LVAD Clinic for all of their support.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, January 28, 2022, from 4-7 pm at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St. Willimantic. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ernie's name may be made to the Connecticut State Firefighters Memorial Fund (34 Perimeter Road, Windsor CT 06096), the Mansfield Fire Department (4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs CT 06268), or Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (100 Warren Circle, Storrs CT 06268). For an online memorial guestbook please visit www. potterfuneralhome.com.

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### Schwartz, Marcie B.



On Sunday, January 23rd Marcie B. Schwartz passed away peacefully in her sleep after a one and half year long courageous battle against lymphoma. Marcie was a long time resident of Farmington, CT, where she lived with her beloved husband, James Calciano, and where they raised their two children. She is survived by Ana Calciano Pratt and and her husband, William Pratt, of Farmington

and Michael J. Calciano and his partner, Joshua Morgan, of New York City. She is also survived by her sister, Laurie Consumano, of New York City, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Marcie is predeceased by her mother and father, Joseph and Etta Schwartz, and her brother, Mitchell Schwartz, all of New York City. Marcie grew up in the Lower East Side and attended

SUNY Buffalo where she received a Bachelor of Arts and then went on to receive her MBA from Boston University. Marcie was a city girl but upon meeting a man from the suburbs she fell in love and together

man from the suburbs she fell in love and together they called Farmington their home. After a successful career in the tech industry she retired from Hewlett Packard after 25 years and then a second retirement from Intel after 10 years. She had a passion for travel, the performing arts especially Broadway, and spending countless hours with her friends and family. She was deeply loyal and her ferocious love of life was contagious. She had a passion for fitness and health, especially walks with her children and friends at the Hillstead Museum and on the Cliff walk in Newport, RI. Newport held a special place in her heart, as it was where Marcie and Jim first met, fell in love, got married and vacationed with their

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An active member of the Farmington community and beyond, most recently Marcie served the town as an elected member of Farmington Town Planning and Zoning Commission. For over 30 years, she was an active and dedicated board member of Kehilat Chaverim, which allowed Marcie to integrate her Jewish identity and traditions into her family's life. She had striking blue eyes and a dimpled smile that would light up a room and all that knew her will miss her profoundly. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Planned Parenthood and/or the Farmington Land Trust, two non-profits that Marcie was particularly passionate about.

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Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville, CT on Thursday, January 27th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM followed by burial in Riverside Cemetery, 160 Garden St, Farmington, CT at 1:00 PM. A Gathering for Family & Friends, at Porter Memorial Hall, 75 Main St, Farmington, CT, will follow the burial from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM To send online condolences to the 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com. WE ASK THAT ALL ATTENDEES ARE FULLY VACCINATED

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### **Dickinson, Thomas**



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Thomas, the beloved son of the late Edward S. Dickinson, Jr and Ruth C. Dickinson-Giauque, was born on February 6, 1946 in Hartford, CT. He grew up in Suffield, CT and graduated from Suffield High

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Thomas leaves behind his wife of 54 years, Regina (Lee) Dickinson, 3 daughters, Stacey Dickinson and her partner, David LaRochelle of Springfield, Elliann Grondin and her husband, Gerard of Agawam, and Catherine Bellefleur and her husband, Nick of Longmeadow. He leaves behind 5 grandchildren, Kaily, Nathaniel, Morgan, and Madison Grondin, Little Tommy Bellefleur and a great granddaughter Everleigh Rose. Tom also leaves behind a brother David Dickinson and his wife, Susanne of Texas, 2 sisters, Susan Foley and her husband, Richard of Westfield, and Emily Dickinson-Adams and her husband, Roger of West Suffield, along with many nieces and nephews.

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they gave. His family will receive friends on Friday, January 28, 2022 from 11 AM - 1 PM at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, 443 East St. N. (Rt. 159), Suffield followed by a memorial service at 1:00 PM at the funeral home Burial with military honors will be in Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam, MA

In honor of Tom, for his service and love of his country, the family asks you please donate to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516. To leave on-line condolences please visit www. carmonfuneralhome.com



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### Petrizzo, Michael M.



Michael Mario Petrizzo, dearly loved husband, dad, grandpa, brother and friend, passed away to heaven on Saturday, January 22, 2022, in Falmouth, MA.

Michael is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Monica; his daughter Leah son-in-law Joseph Sutherland; his daughters

Jeanne Petrizzo and Natalie Petrizzo; his son James Petrizzo; and his three precious grandchildren, Evangeline, Desmond, and Jaina Sutherland. He leaves absolutely no doubt about how much he loved and was proud of his family.

The son of the late James and Marie Petrizzo, he was born on September 1, 1953, and grew up in Hartford and Bloomfield, CT. He graduated from Bloomfield High School, after which he attended American International College in Springfield, MA to study business. Born with an independent, entrepreneurial spirit, there wasn't much of a chance Michael would go the traditional corporate employment route. Instead, he started Siding & Windows of CT, Inc., a business he successfully owned and operated for over 30 years.

Michael and his wife discovered Falmouth in the 80s and spent the next three decades splitting their time between the Cape and their home in South Windsor, CT. Eventually, the magic of Falmouth became too much to resist, and they moved full-time to their home in Falmouth Heights in 2012, when Michael established his second entrepreneurial venture, Michael Petrizzo Photography & Fine Art Productions.

Michael turned his passion for the ocean, for sunsets, and for all of God's creation into stunning fine art photography for which he won many awards, and that many people now display in their homes and offices nationally and internationally. He really enjoyed being involved in the local arts community and found a way to support his many artist friends with his expert giclée printing services. He absolutely loved Cape Cod, which motivated him to safeguard its beauty and the many memories formed here through stunning imagery.

More than anything, Michael would want everyone to know that Jesus changed his life in his early 20s. For the rest of his life, he committed himself to the Lord by making the church central to his family's life (Truth Baptist Church in South Windsor, CT, for over 30 years, and then, more recently, CapeFaith Church in Osterville, MA); serving as a Sunday School teacher, deacon and usher; and sharing the good news of God's gift of salvation with his family, friends and so many

In addition to his wife, children and grandchildren, Michael leaves behind his brother Mark, sister-in-law Donna and niece Mollie; his sister Donna; many loving cousins and a host of dear friends.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, January 27th from 4PM - 7PM at Chapman Funerals & Cremations, 475 Main Street, Falmouth, MA. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, January 28th at 11AM at Cape Faith Church, 251 Osterville West Barnstable Rd, Osterville, MA. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, 46 Jones Rd, Falmouth, MA.

For online guestbook & directions please visit www. chapmanfuneral.com.

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### Urbanski, Wayne L.



Wayne L. Urbanski, 77, of Wethersfield died on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022. Wayne was the loving husband, best friend and "Honey" to his wonderful wife Theresa. They were always seen together. Wayne was born on July 15, 1944, at New Britain General Hospital, New Britain. He was the son of the late Lucian and Aldona Urbanski of Newington. He

lived in Newington and graduated from Newington High School and Central Connecticut State University, Wayne was a proud U.S. Army veteran and served in Viet Nam. He was employed by the State of Connecticut for over 35 years as an accountant.

He was an avid sports fan and loved to golf. He enjoyed playing in many different leagues at Stanley, Rockledge, Goodwin and Tunxis golf courses. He was a member of the Wethersfield Democratic Town Committee, the Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Elks and a past member of the Polish American Club. Wayne lived a long and beautiful life. He was kind, thoughtful, generous, helpful, and tolerant of people who walked this earth.

Wayne met his wife Theresa in 1989 and they fell in love instantly. They were engaged in November 1989 and married in 1990. Wayne lived with Theresa and her mother, who adored him and treated him like a son. Wayne loved his wife and treated her like a queen. He was always with her through thick and thin. He enjoyed everything she did for him, especially her Italian cooking and loved her to the end of the earth.

Wayne leaves his wife Theresa, and cousins Mary Beth Marantz and husband Izzy, Daniel DeLucco and wife Laurie, Tommy DeLucco, III and wife Linda, Rosemary DeLucco Alpert, and many special friends and classmates.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at 10:00 am, directly at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St., Hartford. He will be laid to rest with military honors in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. The family kindly requests that face masks are worn by all guests. Memorial donations may be made to the Office of Radio & Television, Archdiocese of Hartford, 15 Peach Orchard Rd., Prospect, CT 06712. To share your sorrow, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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### **Hurlburt**, **Eleanor** F.



Eleanor F. (Holt) Hurlburt, 83, of Bristol, beloved wife of Franklin L. Hurlburt, died on Sunday (January 23, 2022) at Bristol Hospital. Eleanor was born on January 25, 1938, in Bristol and was the daughter of the late Rutherford G. and Ferne (Spong) Holt. She graduated from Plainville High School before settling in Bristol to raise her family. She

was an incredible musician, serving as organist and choir director at the former Bristol Baptist Church for 21 years, and then serving Center Congregational Church in Meriden until retiring in 2012. Eleanor spent many years accompanying the Bristol Choral Society and was well-known in the community for her musical talent. She also provided beautiful music to countless families for weddings and funerals throughout the area. She enjoyed watching Jeopardy, loved Pepperidge Farm Lemon Cake, all kinds of puzzles, especially crosswords, and had fun playing duets at the piano with her daughters and her nephew Cliffy, with whom she had a special bond. In addition to her husband of nearly 66 years, Eleanor is survived by three daughters: Cindy Emery and husband, William of Island Falls, ME, Cindy Emery and husband, William of Island Falls, ME, Diane Skelskey of Bristol, and Susan Vieira of Burlington; a brother: Clifton Holt and Wife, Donna of Plainville; half-sister: Barbara Silva of Southington; six grandchildren: Christopher Emery, Allison Roundy and husband, Darren, Amy Kelley and husband, Mike, Ian Skelskey, Natalie and Joaquim Vieira, Jr.; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother: John Holt, and half-siblings: Patricia Livingstone and James Holt Relatives and Patricia Livingstone and James Holt. Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, on Friday (January 28, 2022) between 11 AM and 12 Noon followed by a Service to Remember. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Please visit Eleanor's memorial website at www. FunkfuneralHome.com.



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### Marino, Jean (Gramegna)



Jean (Gramegna) Marino, 93, of Farmington and Westbrook, matriarch of the Marino family, has taken her place in heaven with her husband Anthony (Tony) Marino, on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Jean was born on June 29, 1928, in Hartford, daughter of the late Michael and Lucia "Lucy" (Maulucci) Grampana Loca (Maulucci) Gramegna. was a natural beauty, express-

ing elegance and grace in her every-day activities. She worked for many years as the Guidance Office Secretary for Farmington Public Schools. After retiring, Jean's interest turned to painting and she quickly mastered the art. Her paintings are all enjoyed by the family today and will be cherished for many generations. Jean loved her homes and friends in Farmington and Westbrook. After retirement she and Tony enjoyed their beach house in Westbrook and spent their winters in Jupiter, Florida. Jean always enjoyed the party, being the first to arrive and last to leave. Jean leaves her four adored children, Marsha Boschen, Michael Marino (Cheryl), Mark Marino (Terrie), and Sandi Dansereau (Pierre); twelve grandchildren, Jennifer (Luke) Gorski, Rob Boschen, Brooke Kelly, John Marino, Mikaela (Devin) Davenport, Michael Shane Marino, Devon Marino, Cody Marino, Max Albee, Danielle (Rocky) Albee-Campbell, Daniel (Danielle) Mikulak, Mikulak; three great-grandchildren, Emelia Gorski, Olivia Mikulak, Riley Mikulak; her brothers-in-law Lionel Santos, Gino (Susan) Marino, and Richard Valente; sister-in-law Sally Yacavone, and many nieces and nephews. Jean was predeceased by her sisters Dolores Caruso, Lorraine Valente, and Lucille Santos, her brother Michael Gramegna, her son-in-law Bob Boschen, and her brother-in-law Nicholas Caruso. Jean's family will receive friends and family on Friday, January 28, 2022, from 11AM to 1PM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon. A Memorial Service will follow beginning at 1PM at the funeral home. The Burial will be private. Memorial donations in Jean's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489 or (www.alz.org/ct). To leave online condolences for the family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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### Tarascio, Luigia "Gina"



Luigia "Gina" (Marchetti) Tarascio, wife of the late Carmelo F. Tarascio for 36 wonderful years, passed away in Hartford Hospital on January 24, 2022. She was born on October 8, 1923, in Foggia, Italy, immigrated to Hartford in 1967 and later lived for the remainder of her life in Newington. Luigia worked for the Nelson

Factory and later at Travelers Insurance, both in Hartford, until her retirement.

Gina lived very independently and was a great source of strength in her role as mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to all her loved ones, providing consolation and support through her countless prayers and rosaries. Her Roman Catholic faith and daily mass viewed on television was her foundation and constant source of peace. She took great joy in family gatherings, phone calls, and visits from relatives and friends. Her Sundays were dedicated to connecting with her dear sisters in Italy.

She will always be remembered for her youthful nature, even at the age of 98. Her sweet and warm disposition and temperament will be so greatly missed. Luigia is survived by four children, Joseph Tarascio and

his wife Norma, Anna Accaputo, Dario Tarascio and his wife Licia, and Maria Pia Mysliwiec.

She had many grandchildren, Massimiliano and Giorgiana Accaputo; Carmelo Tarascio and his wife Tanya; Gina Caccomo and her husband Chris; and Christian, Miles, Simon and his girlfriend Aryssa, Emmeline, Charlotte Simon and his girlfriend Aryssa, Emmeline, Charlotte Mysliwiec, and Christine Northrop; and many great-grandchildren, Joshua, Joseph, and Jessica Northrup; Michael II and his wife Julissa, Michela, Michon, and Malia Hunt; Anthony, Savannah, and Jacob Tarascio; and Xander and Jaxon Caccomo.

Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington is assisting her family with arrangements. Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Cina's life will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit

Gina's life will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Newington, privately for the immediate family. She will be lovingly laid to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. To share a memory with Luigia's family, please visit at www.duksa.net.



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### Chiarillo, Jane (Szostecki)



Thelma (Szostecki) Chiarillo, 99, of Bristol, CT, beloved widow of Enrico Chiarillo, Sr., died in her sleep on Friday January 21, 2022, at West Hartford Health & Rehab Center. She was born in Maine September 22, 1922, and was the eldest child of Lucas and Stella Szostecki. Jane is sur-

vived by her loving family, daughter Sharon Coker (Jack Coker, Jr) of Florida, grand-daughter Jennifer Stein (Ben) and great-grandchildren Maxwell and Lillian Jane. She is also survived by her loving son, Enrico Chiarillo, Jr. of Farmington, and grand-sons Nicholas and Eric Chiarillo. Jane also leaves behind several loving nieces and nephews, and special friends. Jane grew up in New Britain, CT and later moved to Bristol when she married Enrico, the love of her life, on November 12, 1949. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church for over 65 years. Jane was devoted to her family and spent much of her time cooking and baking. She made traditional polish dishes such as pierogis and dessert breads. Pies were her specialty and were a welcome gift at any family gathering. She also enjoyed planning annual summer vacations to different places, making these road-trips quite memorable. Other trips she especially loved were to Las Vegas and the anniversary cruise she took to the islands with her husband. She loved to travel and was always ready to pack her suitcase for the next trip! Jane's hobbies included sewing and tatting. She enjoyed watching golf and tennis on TV. She loved taking care of her house plants, and she had a soft heart for animals, especially cats and dogs. Jane loved Broadway musicals and opera. She also loved listening to such musical artists as Sarah Brightman, Andrea Bochelli and Josh Groban. A funeral mass will be held Friday, Jan. 28, at 10am at St. Anthony's Church, 111 School St., Bristol, CT. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Calling hours will be Friday morning from 8:30-9:30am at DuPont Funeral Home, 25 Bellevue Ave., Bristol. Family and friends are invited to leave a condolence message by visiting www.dupontfuneralhome.

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#### Leo, James E.



Longtime Essex, Connecticut resident James E. Leo died January 21, 2022, at age 85. Jim, son of James Joseph Leo III & Lillian Burke Leo, was born February 20, 1936, into an Irish working-class family with deep roots in Jersey City, New Jersey. An avid basketball player, Jim graduated from St. Aloysius High School in Jersey City and went on to play for Seton Hall University while earning

his degree. Jim lived in Monmouth County, New Jersey until relocating to Essex, Connecticut in 1984.

Jim spent most of his career in sales at IBM and in real estate. A natural storyteller with quick wit and humor, Jim captivated every audience no matter the setting. He embraced new friendships at any age and once you crossed his path you were considered a friend. cast a wide net on those he loved and would give you the shirt off his back. Jim manifested humility, empathy, and kindness. Jim Leo made people feel good.

Jim was a man of faith, a devoted Catholic, and family man. Every morning he watched 9:00am mass and said the rosary. His faith was his foundation, as it gave him purpose, taught him gratitude, and brought him peace and fulfillment.

Jim's greatest gifts were his grandchildren Billy, Collin, Whitney, and Dustin. Known as "Grand Dad," Jim proudly shared the accomplishments of his grandkids; never missing a basketball game or the opportunity to treat for ice cream. Jim was always there to share a story and a laugh. Jim was a man whose charm and humor set him apart; he was one of a kind.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 40 years,

Leo mother to his daughters Christin & Katherine (and Todd) Smith and sons James, John, Edward, and Jeffrey Leo.

As Jim would say "it's always a pleasure but it's time to pull the pin".

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022, from 5:00-7:00pm at the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Fungal home 34 Main Street Centerbrook CT.

Funeral home, 34 Main Street, Centerbrook, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 10:30am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 14 Prospect Street in Essex. To share a memory of Jim or send a condolence to his family, please visit www.rwwfh.com

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### Riley, Joseph Donovan



Riley, Joseph Donovan

Joseph Donovan Riley, Jr
(Don) passed away peacefully
on Sunday, January 16, 2022
at the Villages Rehab &
Nursing Center in The
Villages, Florida. He was
happy to be visited by many
family over the past few
weeks and was especially
happy on his last day. Don
was born on August 8, 1934
in Hartford, CT to Joseph D

Riley, Sr and Mary Agnes (Brewer) Riley who predeceased him. His family lived in Ridgewood, NJ and
Elsmere, NY before moving to Needham, MA. Attending
schools in Needham, Don excelled at football, wrestling
and track. He attended Yale University, playing football
for the Elis, and graduating with a B.S. in chemistry in
1956. After graduation, Don began his career with
Mobil Oil Corporation, working in NJ, TX, AK and finishing in New York City. Don helped his dad build their
Cape Cod home when he was young. He met the love
of his life, Ruth Teresa Heafey, on Cape Cod, MA and
they were married in November 1961. Ruth was his
beloved partner for 49 years until her death in 2010.
Don created a memorial scholarship in Ruth's name at
the nursing school at Yale University. In retirement,
Don and Ruth enjoyed years at their Candlewood Lake the nursing school at Yale University. In retirement, Don and Ruth enjoyed years at their Candlewood Lake home in Brookfield, CT and Marco Island, FL. Don later moved to The Villages in FL. Don took great pleasure in collecting antique tools and traveling to tool shows in retirement. Living on the water in CT and FL, Don enjoyed boating. He also loved to travel on cruises to new adventures. Costco and Aldi will miss Don as he loved to shop to pick up items, even if he had a dozen in stock. Don is survived by his brother, James B Riley, and sister-in-law, Marilyn Riley of Green Valley, AZ and his sister-in-law, Marinyi Riley of Green Valley, AZ allu his sister-in-law, Clare Archer and brother-in-law, Robert Archer of Unionville, CT. He was predeceased by his sister, Gerry Spence and brother-in-law, Gavin Spence of Columbus, GA and his sister-in-law, Elinor O'Brien and brother-in-law, John O'Brien of RI. He adored spending time with his family including his 17 pieces and no bother and their kids. A burial service will nieces and nephews and their kids. A burial service will take place in Farmington, CT in May 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association in Don's memory. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Lady Lake, Florida. Online remembrances may be made at www.beyersfuneral-

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hare memories, express condolences, and celebrate life in the obituary section on courant.com.

### **OBITUARIES**

Miller, Burton A

Burton A. Miller, 83, of Newington and West

Hartford, CT died peacefully on Sunday (January 23, 2022) knowing how much his family loved him. He was the son of Harry Miller and Julia Stone Miller. He was the devoted husband of Linda Miller for 60 years. He graduated from Weaver High School and loved keeping in touch with his classmates and helping with and going to high school reunions. Burt studied to be a pharmacist at the University of Connecticut, where he was a member of the AZO fraternity. His fraternity brothers continued to be lifelong friends of his. He was the co-owner of Towne Pharmacy in Glastonbury, CT and worked there for over 30 years, serving the community and providing access to care for all of his customers. Burt loved his family, his religion, his country, his friends, UConn basketball, and the Boston Red Sox. His children and grandchildren fondly remember their annual trips to Cape Cod with him and Linda and are grateful for this time that they shared. Burt was a devoted member of B'nai Sholom in Newington and B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom in Bloomfield and coordinated a weekday minyan there for many years. He loved to attend Shabbat and holiday services and always had prayers to share at family gatherings. He loved to read about and discuss Jewish history, United States history, and current events and politics. Burt leaves his loving wife Linda Miller, his brother Alan Miller and his wife Charlotte, of Langhorne, PA, his children Jeffrey Miller, of Newington, CT, Bonnie Schneider and her husband, Eric, of West Hartford, CT, Schneider and her husband, Eric, of West Hartford, CT, and Steven Miller and his wife Lorena, of Magnolia, DE, his grandchildren Benjamin, Abigail, Jacob, Noah, Cole, and Freddy, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. The funeral will be held graveside at the Congregation B'nai Sholom Cemetery, 1361 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, CT on Thursday 1/27 at 1 pm and will be streamed online. The family will hold virtual shiva minyanim on Thursday and Sunday evenings at 7 pm. For more information, please contact Fric or Weinstein

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more information, please contact Eric or Weinstein Mortuary. Memorial contributions for Burt can be made

to the American Cancer Society, the Michael J. Fox

### Madigan, John T.



Foundation for

Tikvoh-Sholom.

John (Jack) Thomas Madigan, 81, passed away on January 20, 2022 in Sarasota, FL after a brief illness. Born on January 23, 1940 in Bridgeport, CT, the son of the late John and Ella (Rule) Madigan, Jack was a 1957 graduate of Central High School in Bridgeport. After graduating from the CT Police

Parkinson's Research, or B'nai

Academy, Jack was sworn into the Fairfield Police Department, where he served as an officer and a detective for 22 years until his retirement in 1988. He then relocated to Sarasota, where he worked at FEISCO and Sun Trust Bank. He loved reading, watching sports, the beach and time spent with friends. He is survived by two daughters, Lori (Kenneth) Gosselin of Glastonbury and Kathleen Epperson of Fairfield, three grandchildren, Christopher Gosselin, Thomas Gosselin and Samantha Epperson, as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jack was predeceased by his sister, Elizabeth Stratford. No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Fairfield Police Benevolent Association, 100 Reef Road, Fairfield, CT 06482 in Jack's memory. Jennings Funeral Home and Crematory, 5750 Swift Rd, Sarasota, FL is handling the arrangements.

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### Sillitto, Lisa Marie Fedorich



Lisa Marie (Fedorich) Sillitto 58, of West Hartford, beloved wife of Mark P. Sillitto, passed away Sunday, January 23,

away Sullday, Jailuary 25, 2022. Born in Torrington, daughter of the late Edward Fedorich and Lorrie (Gavello) Fedorich of East Hartford, she was raised in Torrington and Avon. She graduated from Avon High School and earned her BA and MA in Museum Sciences from Central Connecticut University. She spent most of her career serving museums starting at the Noah Webster House in West Hartford, employed by Webb Dean Stevens in Wethersfield and then as site Administrator at Nathan Hall Homestead in Coventry. She retired from ESPN. Lisa loved reading, learning, teaching, and volunteering at the CT Historical Society. She particularly enjoyed the National History Day Programs she did in area high schools. Besides her husband Mark and her mother Lorrie, she leaves a daughter Alexandra Ribblett and her husband Cary of Rochester, NH; a son Matthew Sillitto of West Hartford; a granddaughter Abigail Ribblett; two brothers Joseph Fedorich of CT: and a sister Claudia Stannert and her Fedorich and his wife Tracey of Old Saybrook and John Fedorich of CT; and a sister Claudia Stappert and her husband Ron of Palm Harbor, FL. Her family will receive friends for an informal Time of Sharing Stories, Friday, January 28, 2022, from 4:00PM-6:00PM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in St Ann Cemetery, Avon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the CT Historical Society, 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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### Elsner, Robert

Robert (Bob) Elsner, 101, beloved husband

of Marie (Gugliotti) passed away peacefully on January 21, 2022, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on January 9, 1921, in Hartford, to the late Judge Solomon and Carolyn Elsner. Bob graduated from Roxbury (Cheshire) Academy in 1939 and attended Penn State University. Bob was a medic in Company C 314th Medical Battalion from 10/10/42-12/29/45, and was stationed in Rhineland, Central Europe from 1/10/45-12/12/45. He received the Bronze Star and the rank of Sergeant TEC 4. Bob was the oldest and longest continuing member of the American Legion Post 96 for 77 years. Family friend Beatrice Auerbach provided his first job at Brown Thomson, Inc., and then he moved to G. Fox & Co. where he was a buyer in several departments. Bob retired in 1978 after 37 years of service. Besides his wife of 68 years, Bob leaves his daughter Carolyn Elsner; sons Lawrence and his wife Becky and Peter and his wife Diane; his two grandchildren P.J. and Kate Elsner; his brother Lt. Colonel James E. Elsner (102) and his wife Dorothy; and a niece and several nephews. He is preceded in death by two brothers Morton A. and Allan S. Elsner. Bob was fond of finding all the best deals at the supermarket. He stayed in touch with friends and family through Facebook and Email. He enjoyed driving Marie to her weekly hairdressing appointment. Bob read several papers every day and was active in following the stock market. Bob and his brother Jim would meet each morning for tea and had dinner once a week. There will be a graveside service with full military honors at Fairview Cemetery. A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held at a future date in warmer weather, when Covid protocols allow. The Elsners would like to extend their appreciation for the wonderful care he was given by his family of caregivers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hayes-Velhage Post 96, P.O. Box 370160, West Hartford, CT 06117 and/or the West Hartford Food Pantry. For online expressions of sympathy please visit www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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### Allen, Anne Dyer (Howell)



Anne Allen passed away on Friday, Jan. 14th, just shy of her 94th birthday. She has enjoyed independent living at Seabury in Bloomfield CT for the past 10 years.

Anne was born in Beacon NY on Feb. 3, 1928 to beloved Francis parents Kitchell Howell and Mira Adams Howell. She went to high

school in Richmond VA and graduated from Hood College, where she was elected May Queen. After college she married and raised 3 children.

Anne lived for many years in Alexandria VA and later in Sagamore Beach MA where her family had deep roots. Over the years, she worked in the local schools, a drug rehab center for young mothers, and the federal government.

Anne possessed warmth, determination, and a fine sense of humor. She built enduring connections with her family and the many communities she was part of. Anne is survived by 3 children - Peggy Lizaur, Rick and Nanc Allen, and 4 granddaughters - Anna and Ines Lizaur, Sarah and Katle Allen. Anne was much loved and will be sorely missed.

An online memorial service will be held for friends and family. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Seabury "Staff Appreciation Fund" (not tax deductible) at 400 Seabury Drive, POB 3108, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

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### Wujec, Halina (Wojtasik)



Halina Wujec, 74, of Windsor Locks, passed away suddenly av lanuarv Born in Poland on May 16, 1947, she was the daughter of the late Mieczyslaw and Krystyna (Jastrzebska)

of the late Mieczyslaw and Krystyna (Jastrzebska) Wojtasik and grew up in Poland, moving to the US in 1986. Halina has lived in Windsor Locks since 1993. Halina was hardworking and very supportive of her family. She loved taking care of flowers and tending to her garden and she loved baking desserts. She cared deeply for her family and was grateful to have them close by. She loved spending time with them and she always wanted her family to be all together. all together.

She leaves two children, Robert Wujec and Anetta Hannum, her daughter in-law, Marta Wujec; five grandchildren, Marcin Wujec, Jack Hannum, Kasia Wujec, Jennifer Hannum, and Joseph King; two sisters, Barbara Dresja and Anna Organ; and several nieces and

Her family will receive friends on Thursday, January 27, from 4-6 PM at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd. Enfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, January 28 at 11 AM at St. Adalbert's Church, Enfield. Everyone is asked to meet at the church. Burial will follow in St. Patrick King St. Cemetery. For online condolences, please visit www.leetestevens.com.

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# CONNECTICUT

# Industrial park could draw Amazon

Waterbury-Naugatuck warehouse plan would create up to 1,000 jobs

**By Stephen Singer** 

Hartford Courant

A 150-acre industrial park straddling Waterbury and Naugatuck has been selected as the site of a warehouse and distribution center that could possibly draw Amazon, adding to Connecticut's growing network of logistics centers key to online shopping and next-day

Bluewater Property Group,

a Pennsylvania investment and development company focusing on the growing logistics sector, was picked as part of a collaboration between the state and local governments to develop a plan remaking the Waterbury/ Naugatuck Industrial Park into a distribution facility. As many as 1,000 jobs could be created, offi-

"We are all extremely excited about our joint project with Bluewater Property Group, and its prospective tenant, Amazon, and the many benefits to both municipalities," Naugatuck Mayor N. Warren "Pete" Hess said. "Working together we are stronger, and the Waterbury/Naugatuck partnership will continue to yield benefits to the entire valley."

Waterbury Mayor Neil O'Leary said much work remains to be done, "but this could be an amazing win for our region and the entire state."

If approved, the project "has tremendous upside for Waterbury, Naugatuck, and residents throughout the region," Gov. Ned Lamont

"There is a lot of work to do to make this potential project a reality, but we are excited at the opportunity to proceed to the next step,"

said Alexandra Escamilla, head of development for Blue Water Property Group.

The proposed project will be subject to state and local approvals with several opportunities for public comment.

The Naugatuck Valley Regional Development Corp. is leading the project on behalf of Waterbury and Naugatuck to take a regional approach to economic development in the Naugatuck Valley

Connecticut towns and cities benefit from their proximity to interstates 84, 91 and 95 and, in many areas, flat land that can be used to build massive warehouses and distribution centers.

Warehouse jobs pay more than traditional retail, but far less than finance and aerospace jobs that are key components of Connecticut's economy.

Amazon delivery stations operate in Bristol, Cromwell, Danbury, Newington, Orange, Wallingford, Stratford and Trumbull. Fulfillment centers, or warehouses, operate in North Haven and Windsor and Wallingford is home to a sortation center.

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The Shops at Farmington Valley in Canton is adding four new businesses in 2022, including dog grooming and indoor golf. DAN GOULD

**CANTON RETAIL** 

# SHOPPING CENTER ADDING TO THE MIX

Shops at Farmington Valley land sweat therapy, dog grooming, Italian dining and golf

By Don Stacom | Hartford Courant

n a good sign for the Route 44 commercial corridor in Canton, several new businesses will be opening at The Shops at Farmington Valley this year.

The new merchants include a mix that's well beyond the clothing stores usually associated with the shopping center, including an indoor golf center, a dog-grooming service, a sweat-therapy salon and an Italian restaurant from the owners of nearby Market Place in Avon.

"We still have plenty of places to shop for apparel, but we're also mixing in more daily needs like health and wellness," General Manager Elizabeth Ackerman

We know people want convenience and a one-stop shopping experience. We have a supermarket here, we have Harvey & Lewis so you can see an eye doctor or

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When it opened in June at The Shops at Farmington Valley, Jefferson Fry Co. had a line out the door, COURANT FILE PHOTO

#### **ELECTION 2022**

# Stefanowski launches \$1M TV ad campaign

Republican marks start of second run for Connecticut governor

By Christopher Keating Hartford Courant

BLOOMFIELD — With less than 10 months before Election Day, Republican Bob Stefanowski kicked off a \$1 million television ad campaign Tuesday that essentially marked the start of the race for governor.

Stefanowski, who lost by 3 percentage points to Democrat Ned Lamont in 2018, is reintroducing himself to Connecticut voters with largely biographical information in the commercials. He unveiled 15-second. 30-second, and one-minute versions of the commercials that were cut from a broader video crafted for his announcement in his second run for the office.

Lamont did not seem concerned about the start of a potentially expensive ad war and said he had no immediate plans to start buying commercials to compete against Stefanowski's message.

"Not in the near term," Lamont said when asked by the Courant. "We've got a lot of work to do between now and politics. Not

Lamont has already spent more than \$40 million of his own money in three statewide races in 2006, 2010, and 2018. He is expected to spend millions more this year. When asked for his views on Stefanowski's pledge to spend \$10 million, Lamont said, "I have no reaction to that."

Political insiders say they believe that Stefanowski's early declaration of \$10 million might be designed to scare Themis Klarides out of the governor's race and prompt her to run against U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat who this year is facing three lesser-known Republican candidates who have

never held major offices. Klarides, 56, has not been giving interviews recently as she ponders her political future, but she said in a text message Tuesday that she is not concerned about the size of Stefanowski's

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# Norwalk elections official said tenant 'came after her'

Wink faces murder charge after allegedly shooting man 5 times

**By Christine Dempsey** Hartford Courant

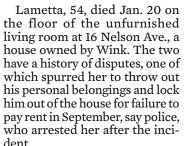
The Norwalk elections official who police say fatally shot her tenant during an argument last week said she fired at the man because he had come after her, police reports show.

Ellen Wink, a city deputy registrar of voters, also said that she "had enough" of the tenant, Kurt Lametta, and that he was "driving

me nuts," the reports say. The police reports paint an alternate picture of Wink, 61, a one-time city clerk and candidate for state representative who said public safety was her top priority. She remained in custody Tues-

day on \$1 million bail at the York Correctional Institution after her arraignment on a charge of murder, and she is scheduled to appear in Superior Court in Stamford Friday. Kevin Black, the lawyer who police say represents

Wink, declined to comment.



Wink's boyfriend, James Gavin, confirmed for police that Lametta didn't pay rent, the reports say. He also said Wink had told Lametta and a second tenant to move out because she wanted to sell the house.

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### **CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT**

# State's weekly positive test rate down to 12.9%

By Alex Putterman

Hartford Courant

Connecticut continues to see improvement in its COVID-19 metrics, state numbers showed Tuesday, with a seven-day positivity rate at its lowest level since late December and hospitalizations at their lowest level since the first days of January.

The state has seen a sharp decline in cases and hospitalizations over the past two weeks, even as its totals remain far higher

than they were most of last year. "I am feeling cautiously optimistic," Dr. Scott Roberts, associate medical director for infection

prevention at Yale New Haven

Connecticut on Tuesday

### Cases, positivity rate

Hospital, said Tuesday. "We have

seen pretty rapid declines both in

our community prevalence and in

our hospitalizations."

reported 3,824 new COVID-19 cases out of 27,834 tests, for a daily positivity rate of 13.7%. The state's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 12.9%, down from 23.6% earlier this month and the lowest it has been since late December.

Connecticut has now averaged 4,268 daily COVID-19 cases over the past week, down more than

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# Officer injured, threatened after man drove into his cruiser

Norwich police say suspect then drove to department and struck more vehicles

Staff report

A Norwich police officer suffered minor injuries after a man intentionally drove into the side of his cruiser Tuesday, police said.

The officer, who was not identified, was sitting in his marked patrol vehicle before 7 a.m. when Roland Euell, 29, drove into the front passenger side of the car, police said. According to police, Euell got out of his car and threatened to shoot the officer, who remained in his cruiser, before getting back in his car and driving off.

Police found Euell and tried to stop him, but Euell drove to the back parking area of the Norwich Police

Department, where he struck both personal and police vehicles before his own car became disabled, police said.

Police charged Euell with second-degree assault with a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, assault of a public safety officer, second-degree threatening, first-degree criminal mischief and reckless endangerment as well as several motor-vehicle charges. He was held on bond and scheduled to appear Feb. 10.

The officer was taken to Backus Hospital for minor injuries. Police said no weapon was found.

The incident is the latest

in a spate of attacks on police officers in Connecticut in the past few months.

In a December incident in Hartford, a woman tried to stab a Hartford detective who was with two members of the Hartford Police Regional Auto Theft Task Force, having a stolen car towed away, police said. Surveillance video shows the woman running toward the officers with a large knife in her hand, pointed toward the detective's head and neck. The detective appeared to step out of the way while grabbing her and flinging her to the street. The woman and the detective suffered minor injuries, police said.

At the end of October another Hartford officer was attacked, this time by a man she was trying to help. The officer, who was parked in a Main Street parking lot at 1:30 a.m., called an ambulance for the man, who she suspected was intoxicated or in need of medical help. Without provocation, police said, the man drew a gun and fired through the driver's side window of the police car, narrowly missing her.

Just days after the Hartford officer was reportedly shot at, a Norwich officer was responding to a report of shots fired, when a man with a rifle began shooting at his cruiser, police said. Investigators reportedly counted at least seven bullet holes in the front of the cruiser and through its windshield, including several near the driver's seat, where the officer had been moments earlier, police records show.

# Police: Man shot in Hartford's West End

**By Christine Dempsey** Hartford Courant

A man was wounded in a shooting in Hartford's West End late Monday, police

The gunfire near 5 Fales St. led to a ShotSpotter alert shortly before 11:15 p.m. When officers arrived, they found a man in his 20s with gunshot wounds, police said. He was taken to the hospital and detectives were called to the scene. His condition wasn't clear Tuesday morning.

The Major Crimes and Crime Scene divisions are investigating, and police said the investigation is "active and ongoing."

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the Hartford Police Department tip line, 860-722-8477 (TIPS).

The nonfatal shooting is at least the city's seventh this year. Hartford had 163 gunshot survivors in 2021. which was well below the number of 225 for 2020.

Police plan to use a new,

\$500,000 grant to add staff to investigate nonfatal shootings. The capital city has had

one homicide in 2022. Kendall Fair, 22, of West Hartford died after the Jan. 18 shootdeadly gunfire wounded someone with Fair and came minutes after another shooting on Albany Avenue that its victim survived, police said. Police suspect the shootings are connected. Last year's homicide rate

ing on Mather Street. The

of 35 was 40% higher than 2020's, police statistics show.

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### Virus

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50% from the state's peak earlier this month. Unvaccinated residents have been about three times as likely to test positive in recent weeks as vaccinated residents, according to state numbers.

Still, all eight Connecticut counties — along with nearly the rest of the country – are recording "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this level of transmission, the CDC advises people to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

### Hospitalizations

As of Tuesday, Connecti-

cut had 1,446 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, down 31 from Thursday and down from nearly 2,000 earlier this month.

Hospital officials say some patients hospitalized with COVID-19 were admitted for non-coronavirus reasons before testing positive upon arrival but that a majority have significant COVID-19 symptoms.

According to the state, 55.5% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated. Hospital officials say the rate is significantly higher when considering only patients with severe symptoms.

### **Vaccinations**

As of Tuesday, 92.1% of all Connecticut residents and 95% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 76.2% of all residents and 84.7% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, about 49.8% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

The CDC warns that booster shots are sometimes misclassified as first doses, likely inflating the reported number of first-dose coverage and understating the true number of people who have received boosters.

### **Deaths**

Connecticut reports COVID-19 deaths on Thursdays. Last week, the state reported 241 deaths,

bringing its total during the pandemic to 9,683.

COVID-19 deaths which typically tend to lag other metrics by several weeks - have continued to increase in recent weeks even as cases and hospitalizations have slowed. Unvaccinated people in Connecticut have been about 14 times as likely to die from COVID-19 in recent weeks as those who are vaccinated, according to state numbers.

The United States has now recorded 870,239 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

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### Shops

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get glasses," she said. "And obviously our restaurants are part of that, too."

This year the Shops will be adding a Mercato Italian Kitchen and Bar, an Italian restaurant operated by the Newtown-based Market Hospitality Group.

The company already operates a Mercato restaurant in Southbury, and runs Market Place outlets in seven Connecticut communities. The nearest is less than 2 miles east on Route 44 in Avon. Mercato's menu will include Italian tapas, pasta, salads, pizzas and specialty meals.

Also opening in 2022 will be the first Connecticut location of Driphouse, a New York-based company

that operates sweat-therapy centers; clients take hourlong sessions lying under infrared blankets on beds in private sauna rooms.

Co-owners Malisa Lougher and Tami Wilmot say benefits include weight loss, improved skin health, stress reduction and general relaxation.

Woof Gang Dog Bakery & Grooming, a national chain that already operates in West Hartford, plans to open its Canton location in the spring. It sells pet food, pet supplies and professional pet grooming; the Canton shop will be run by Alex and Renata Ikonomidis of Avon.

Golf Lounge 18 expects to open in the summer. The company operates in Danbury, Fairfield, Orange and Westchester, N.Y. It advertises a state-of-the-art facility indoor golf facility with virtual golfing bays and more than 65 courses worldwide to play on virtually. Golf Lounge 8 will have a full bar and multiple HDTVs, and the owners expect to offer league play as well as private lessons.

A handful of shops have closed over the past two years, but the Canton center has been spared the more widespread shutdowns that have plagued many conventional malls for the past several years because of the pandemic.

Fashion retailer J. Crew was perhaps the most notable loss; the chain spent several months in 2020 in bankruptcy and closed numerous stores in the U.S. and Canada.

Just last year, though, the Shops added three new

Sleep Number, a bedding retailer, opened its seventh Connecticut location in

Lamont, 68, responded,

"Come up with good,

April 2021, and Connecticut-based Jefferson Fry Co. opened with enormous lines two months later.

Cindy Langer of Windsor followed with BodyFit Physical Therapy in July of that year.

With about 45 storefronts, the Shops at Farmington Valley mall has been attracting numerous Connecticut merchants lately, and Ackerman said that helps set it apart.

"We have a mix of local and larger businesses, and that gives a special feel," she said. "In the past few years more people seem to want to put down roots in Connecticut. And now that people are working from home and spending more time in the suburbs, they're seeing the value here."

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# Stefanowski

campaign war chest.

"Right now, I'm continuing to talk to the voters across Connecticut as I consider my run for governor," said Klarides, who has spent nearly \$400,000 of her own money as she explores the race.

In the opening salvo of the campaign, Stefanowski has already purchased more than \$450,000 of air time, including \$190,000 on WFSB Channel 3; \$147,000 on WVIT Channel 30; and \$71,000 on WTNH Channel 8. With the amount of advertising purchased, the \$1 million will last about a month.

As part of the package, Stefanowski is reaching out to a broader spectrum of voters by unveiling a 30-second commercial in Spanish. He has purchased \$32,000 worth of air time on Telemundo and more than \$18,000 on Univision — two well-known Spanish

language networks.

to break a 15-year losing streak by Republicans in major races in Connecticut. In 2006, then-Gov. M. Jodi Rell and then-U.S. Rep. Chris Shays of Bridgeport both won reelection. But Shays lost in the Democratic wave that swept in Barack Obama as president in 2008, and no Connecticut Republican has won a seat for Congress or governor since then.

"When you have one party controlling every level of government as has been the case in Connecticut for years, it becomes easy for those in charge to maintain the status quo, rather than listening to frustrated residents who are desperate for their voices to be heard," Stefanowski said. "I will change that immediately by listening and doing what the Democrats leading our state have been unwilling or unable to do — put the interests of Connecticut

residents ahead of politics."

Regarding one-party rule,

Stefanowski, 59, is trying

constructive ideas, and you've got a ready listener in this governor." In his commercials, Stefanowski notes that he grew up in New Haven in a middle-class family before becoming successful in a corporate career at Price Waterhouse and General Electric. The announcer notes that his grandparents landed at Ellis Island like many other immigrants and

became oyster shuckers. "I know what it's like to start with nothing," Stefanowski says. left out of the commercials.

But state Democratic Party chairwoman Nancy DiNardo said that many of Stefanowski's views were

"While Gov. Lamont provides strong, steady leadership through a oncein-a-century pandemic, continues to deliver record surpluses in our budget, and has our rainy day fund reaching all-time highs — all without tax increases — Bob Stefanowski is far outside of the mainstream of Connecticut, and voters won't buy what he's selling," DiNardo said. "It's no wonder then that a far-right candidate who is too extreme for our state has to put \$1 million on TV in January."

Gary Rose, a longtime political science professor at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, said that trying to scare an opponent out of a race due to a huge fundraising advantage is "a very, very old trick," but he does not believe that Klarides will bail out.

"I've seen her speak, and she certainly is a very strongwilled individual and has very strong views on issues" Rose said. "She is not one to shrink from controversy. She's never struck me as one that would cower from someone. She's a tough cookie. She really is. I don't think Bob Stefanowski scares her. I don't see it that

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# Bridgeport woman's death ruled accident

Cause released for Smith-Fields, 23, who was found unresponsive at home

Staff report

The Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner on Tuesday released the cause of death for a young Black woman found dead last month in her Bridgeport apartment. In response to the findings, police have opened a criminal investigation, following complaints from her family.

Lauren Smith-Fields, 23, died after a man she had met recently online called police on Dec. 12 to say he awoke to find Smith-Fields unresponsive. Smith-Field's family said police never notified them of her death, which they learned about more than a day later through a note left on her apartment door by her landlord.

Her death was caused by "acute intoxication due to the combined effects of fentanyl, promethazine, hydroxyzine, and alcohol. 'The death was ruled accidental.

The Bridgeport Police Department said later Tuesday that its Narcotics and Vice Division has opened a criminal investigation as a result of the medical examiner's report. The department will be assisted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, according to a statement. The department also noted that its Detective Bureau's investigation will remain open as intelligence transitions to the Narcotics and Vice Division.

The Bridgeport Police Department release said the agency's "thoughts and prayers continue to be with the family and friends of Ms. Lauren Smith-Fields."

The family said police told them the man who called authorities was not a suspect in her death, but have not told them why. The detective eventually asked them to stop calling, they said. The family's attorney, Darnell Crosland, has notified the city of his intent to file a lawsuit accusing police of failing to properly investigate.

"The police department has been racially insensitive to this family and has treated this family with no respect and has violated their civil rights," Crosland

The city said in a statement that they had been awaiting the result of toxicology tests to determine the cause of Smith-Fields death and that the investigation is continuing.

Mayor Joe Ganim said Monday that sensitivity and respect toward family members are important and the handling of the case has been referred to the Office of Internal Affairs for an investigation. He said he would work with the police chief to make changes to department practices for notifying family members of a

"I support and add my voice to the family, community, and elected officials who are calling for state legislation on this issue," he said.

About 100 people held a rally in Bridgeport on Sunday, on what would have been Smith-Field's 24th birthday, asking the state take over the police investigation.

The family also is seeking an internal affairs investigation into the handling of the death and are asking state lawmakers to pass legislation requiring that loved ones be notified within 24 hours when someone is found dead.

Maria Pereira, a city councilwoman whose district includes Smith-Fields' home, said she is appalled by the way the woman's family has been treated and apparent deference shown to the 37-yearold white man who was with her when she died.

An Associated Press report *is included in this story.* 

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### Arguments 'normal'

According to the police reports, the second tenant heard Wink and Lametta arguing the morning of the homicide, "which is normal," he said. He also said he heard Lametta vell. "Call the police" and a loud noise "like loud banging or door slamming or maybe gun shots."

Despite that, Wink is the one who called 911, the reports say. She told the dispatcher she was involved in a verbal argument with her tenant, and that "she has a gun and that her tenant came after her because she was cleaning up a little and he was all over the place," the reports say.

"I am so tired of this guy, he is on the floor," she told the dispatcher, according to the reports, which added "Wink said that she kept telling him to get out and had enough."

When officers arrived at 16 Nelson Ave., they saw through a front door window that a man was on the floor, bleeding, the reports say. Not knowing where the man's attacker was, they retreated, called for backup and later got in with a key.

The officers saw Wink walking down the driveway of her neighboring house at 18 Nelson Ave. They told her to stop and show her hands, and she did, saying, "I'm Ellen, I called. My gun is empty," the reports say. Asked if she used the gun, she said, "Yes, I did. Five times."

Police later found five bullet holes in Lametta, the reports say.

Asked who was in the house at 16 Nelson Ave., Wink said a second-floor tenant and "Kurt Lametta, he's been my tenant and he's [expletive] driving me nuts," the reports say. Police placed her in hand-

Her boyfriend, Gavin,

came out of 18 Nelson Ave. and police questioned him. He told police Wink told him something like, "Kurt got in my face and I shot at him," according to the reports. When he asked if she hit him, Wink said, "I don't think I missed." Wink, who has a pistol permit, then dialed 911, Gavin told police.

Gavin later told investigators that Lametta stopped paying rent around September 2021. Wink recently changed the locks, he told police, because "Kurt wasn't paying rent and she wanted him out," the reports say.

### **Ellen** is afraid of him'

Gavin also told police that "Kurt is a big bully and a big guy and Ellen is afraid of him," according to the reports. Lametta once had a problem with another tenant, who Lametta referred to by a derogatory name and threatened to kill, Gavin told police.

Gavin and the other tenant at 16 Nelson Ave. both told police that Wink and Lametta were not known to be physically violent during their arguments. They just yelled at each other, the reports say. Neither Wink nor

Lametta has a history of violence on their criminal records from state court: Wink's charges from the Sept. 18 landlord-tenant dispute were first-degree criminal mischief; fourth-degree larceny and criminal lockout, police say. The case has not been resolved.

Lametta has a 2019 conviction for possession of more than a half-ounce of marijuana and interfering with police, records show. He paid a \$15 fine.

Norwalk city officials confirmed Tuesday that Wink had been fired from her position as Republican deputy registrar of voters.

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# Enfield mother sues Instagram, Snapchat

Claims social media platforms are liable for daughter's suicide

By Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

An Enfield mother has sued the parent companies of Instagram and Snapchat, claiming the two popular internet platforms are responsible for her 11-year-old daughter's death by targeting children with intentionally dangerous and addicting content.

The federal suit, filed in San Francisco against Meta Platforms and Snap, claims the social media platforms operate on algorithms intentionally designed to entrap children and teens. Tammy Rodriguez says her daughter became hopelessly addicted to social media and, over the two years leading to her suicide in July, suffered from depression, sleep deprivation, eating disorders, and self-harm and other emotional problems all the result of around-the-clock use of Instagram and Snapchat.

The Courant is not naming the

child because of her age.

The suit was filed in Rodriguez's behalf by the Bay-area Social Media Victims Law Center, which calls itself a public interest law resource for parents of children and teenage "victims suffering from depression, an eating disorder, hospitalization, sexual exploitation, self-harm or suicide as a result of social media cyberbullying." It reflects growing concern over unchecked social media use by children and relies in part on leaked, internal corporate documents that it says shows the platforms put profitability above children's health.

"Defendants have invested billions of dollars to intentionally design their products to be addictive and encourage use that they know to be problematic and highly detrimental to their users' mental health," the suit claims. "For example, internal, non-public data collected by Instagram and Snapchat reveal large numbers of its users— particularly teenage girls - are engaging in problematic use of its products.

The suit claims that Rodriguez's daughter struggled for more than

two years with an extreme addiction to Instagram and Snapchat before her death. When her mother took away her electronic devices, she ran away. The child repeatedly received mental health treatment for addiction, without success, and on outpatient therapist reported that she had never seen a patient so addicted to social media, according to the suit.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Rodriguez's daughter increased the time she spent on Instagram and Snapchat, worsening her depression and inability to sleep. The result was absences from school and an investigation by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families, according

The suit said that Rodriguez's daughter was solicited by adult men to post sexually exploitive content. The content the child sent was leaked and shared with her school classmates, the suit claims.

Prior to her death, Rodriguez's daughter was hospitalized for emergency psychiatric care, according to the suit.

The suit claims Meta Plat-

forms and Snap failed to protect Rodriguez's daughter from harmful and exploitive content; verify minor users' age and identity; have adequate parental control and monitoring; protect minor users from intentionally being directed to harmful and exploitive content; offer protection for minor users from being sexually exploited and abused; design non-addictive social media products; and provide adequate notification to parents about the dangerous and problematic usage of social media by minor users.

"This isn't a question of opinion. Internal documents and testimony before Congress by a former employee reveal that Meta Platforms was fully aware of the flaws and addictive properties of its social media platforms and failed to adequately design their products to protect minor users from harm," said Matthew P. Bergman, one of Rodriguez's lawyers and founder of Social Media Victims Law Center. "Similarly, no safeguards are in place on Snapchat. [Rodriguez's daughter's] suicide is a direct result of the inaction and

deliberate addictive design of these social media platforms to prey on

vulnerable children."
Rodriguez said through a spokesman that she is not doing interviews about the suit.

A Snapchat spokesperson said, "We are devastated to hear of [Rodriguez's daughter's] passing and our hearts go out to her family. While we can't comment on the specifics of active litigation, nothing is more important to us than the wellbeing of our commu-

nity.
"In fact, Snapchat helps people communicate with their real friends, without some of the public pressure and social comparison features of traditional social media platforms, and intentionally makes it hard for strangers to contact young people," the spokesman added. "We work closely with many mental health organizations to provide in-app tools and resources for Snapchatters as part of our ongoing work to keep our community safe."

A Meta spokesman was not immediately available for comment.

# State creates plan to support trout

By Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

Connecticut's first wild trout management plan aims to conserve and expand habitat for brook and brown trout and boost opportunities for anglers.

The recently released 10-year plan (bit.ly/3tVfDhS) was driven in part by the high value state residents place on wild trout populations, according to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Also, healthy wild trout populations mean a healthy overall environment, the plan says.

"The presence of wild trout provides tangible evidence that a set of physical, chemical and biological parameters are in perfect alignment," according to the plan. "An alignment is manifested in the sounds of water cascading over moss-covered rocks crisscrossing a forested landscape absent of modern-day conveniences."

Deforestation and dams built to drive mills during the state's early settlement decimated populations of Connecticut's only salmonid species - brook trout and Atlantic salmon. The salmon were wiped out, but brook trout retain self-sustaining populations.

The non-native brown trout also has established self-sustaining numbers in Connecticut's streams and rivers. Reproduction from feral rainbow trout has been documented in several places, but to date, documentation of a self-sustaining population has been elusive, according to DEEP.

A statewide survey spanning 1988-95 found wild trout in 4,000 miles of stream, but only 300 miles held enough wild fish to support a significant amount of catch and release fishing.

A survey update in 2018-19 found a 36% reduction in locations with brook trout. Researchers also found that in locations with wild brook trout, average densities had fallen significantly from prior sampling.

To conserve and boost populations of wild trout, the DEEP plan calls for:

- Negotiating with stakeholders in developing water use, flow and groundwater withdrawal agreements.
- Working with local governments to encourage sound land-use practices near wild trout waters, including techniques to compensate for increases in impervious cover.
- Evaluating and identifying where road salt use may harm wild trout. ■ Working to ensure unrestricted passage of wild trout.
- Monitoring populations of wild trout to shape policies and rules
- Mitigating disease and competition from non-native species, stocked fish and harvesting.
- Creating or identifying sustainable funding sources dedicated to wild trout protection.
- Promoting increased recreational fishing opportunities for wild trout.
- Restoring wild trout to waters where they have been wiped out.

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# Artists on call to be part of Asylum Avenue project

'hARTford Love' aims for beautification

**By Susan Dunne** Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - Hartford artists have a chance to show off their work on bus shelters and electrical switching boxes on Albany Avenue in a new initiative by the City of Hartford and Hartford Foundation for Public

The "hARTford Love" project will be administered by local artist Andre Rochester.

"This project will add to the amazing development and revitalization that is coming into this neighborhood," said Luz Holmes, president and chair of the Upper Albany NRZ. "This art project will really give our residents, merchants, social services and creatives so much pride and energy to be a part of the advancement and beautification of this community."

No fewer than 17 and no more than 34 artists will be chosen to decorate nine bus shelters and 25 electrical boxes in the Albany Avenue and Clay Arsenal neighborhoods, Rochester said.

Each artist will get \$500 per design. Members of the Upper Albany and Clay Arsenal Neighborhood Revitalization Zones will spearhead the selection

The application period ends Feb. 15. Artists can apply at hart-



Andre Rochester will administer the Albany Avenue beautification project sponsored by the City of Hartford and Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, COURTESY LESLIE GOMEZ/LMG PHOTOGRAPHY

fordct.gov/artproject. Artists must submit sample artwork and a brief biography and explain their connection to the neighborhoods.

Artists must live in Hartford

or neighboring towns. Selected artists will have three weeks to submit draft sketches and another three weeks to submit

the final artwork. Rochester said the chosen

artworks will be submitted in computer files and printed on weather-proof wraps, which will be wrapped around the bus shelters and electrical boxes.

"They'll be easier to repair if needed. They'll be easily replaceable," he said. "If someone directly paints on a bus shelter and someone comes and marks it up, the artists have to come back and fix it. That's a headache. This way, we just have to go to the file and print out another one."

Rochester said artists can create any imagery they want, but he hopes many of them choose to focus on the area and its resi-

"We'd like it if they would highlight the neighborhood and the culture of the neighborhood as much as possible," he said. "Albany has a large West Indian population. Some people might want to highlight that. Maybe play off businesses in the area, or something that connects the work to the community.

Rochester said when the weather gets warmer, he hopes to arrange a meet-and-greet event with the artists involved in the project.

The project, part of "Love Hartford, a Citywide Resiliency and Civic Pride Initiative," will be expanded to other neighborhoods in the city, according to a Tuesday news release from Mayor Luke Bronin.

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# Inspector general probing shots fired by US marshal during attempted arrest

The state inspector general has started an investigation into the Jan. 13 use of force by a deputy U.S. marshal in New Haven, according to a statement.

The incident involving gunfire occurred at about 11:30 a.m. Jan. 13 at or near 35 Wheeler St. according to the statement from the office of Inspector General Robert J. Devlin Jr.

There were no injuries as a result of the gunfire, according to the statement.

According to the release,

members of a Fugitive Task Force had active felony arrest warrants for Marvin Owens, of Bridgeport. Then, at about 11:30 a.m. Jan. 13, Owens entered a parking lot near 35 Wheeler St., New Haven driving a white box truck.

Task force members, including, Deputy U.S. Marshal James Masterson, drove into the parking lot, got out of their vehicles and approached Owens with the intent to take him into custody on the active warrants, the statement said.

"Disregarding the officers' commands, Owens got back into the white truck and started driving out of the parking lot," the statement said. "The Task Force Officers pursued on foot for a short distance. It was during this time that Deputy United States Marshal Masterson fired five shots in the direction of the

Owens continued to flee in the truck, drove to Bridgeport, and was apprehended after a collision with another vehicle, according to the statement.

The Inspector General is examining whether the use of force by Masterson was justified

under Connecticut law, according to the statement. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Western District Major Crime Squad is investigating the incident.

The Task Force officers were not wearing body-worn cameras at the time of the incident and their vehicles were not equipped with dashboard cameras, according to the statement. Investigators found private security cameras on a building adjacent to the parking lot where the shooting occurred, according to the

# Ex-victim advocate pleads guilty to child porn charge

By Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

A Canton man who worked in Superior Court as an advocate for victims of crime pleaded guilty Monday to distributing pornographic images of children across the Internet.

Robert Eccleston, 58, was

observed sharing numerous images and videos of children, some depicting sexual abuse, by FBI agents who infiltrated a website catering to child pornographers, according to federal officials. He pleaded guilty to distribution of child pornography in U.S. District Court in Hartford Monday and faces a mandatory

minimum prison term of five

Federal prosecutors said Eccleston used the screen names "hartfordctguy" and "Mowgli100" and served as the administrator of one pornographic site, requiring prospective members to send him obscene images in order to

gain admission to the group site. At the time of his arrest in December 2020, Eccleston was employed as a Victim Services Advocate for Hartford Superior Court in Hartford. He has been held since his arrest. Eccleston

is scheduled to be sentenced on

April 19.

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# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

ESTATE OF Patricia C. DiRisio (22-0026)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated January 20, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to prompt on such claim. to recover on such claim

Marge B. Calltharp, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Matthew L. DiRisio Mattnew L. Dirisio c/o Edward McDermott Cassella, CLOUTIER & CASSELLA, LLC, 29 ELM STREET, OLD SAYBROOK, CT 06475

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022 in the 1st floor conference room of the Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

A. "Max's Place & Big Y Foods" Petition to Amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations to amend Sections 34.2.1 and 53.1 Special Standards to permit retail gasoline and other motor vehicle fuel sales and battery charging stations as a principal use by Special Exception in the Gateway Business B-4 Zoning District Applicants: Big Y Foods, Inc. & Max's Place, LLC. Agent: Atty. David M. Royston

Public Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/9 2356062093?pwd=WEZSYVdRcm1Dcm s4d2wxMGFTVitiZz09 Meeting ID: 923 5606 2009

Meeting Passcode: 302302 Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866 One Tap Mob tel://9294362866,,92356062093#

At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to chris.costa@ oldsaybrookct.gov or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at www. oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning.commission

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### OLD SAYBROOK INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES NOTICE OF DECISION

At their January 20, 2022 regular meeting, the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook, Connecticut APPROVED the following regulated activities:

21-012 "Amos" Application to Conduct a

21-012 "Amos" Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity Remove and replace an existing driveway culvert, dredge pond of sediment and debris, and remove dead or dying trees along north edge of pond within inland wetlands and 100' upland review area. 273 Schoolhouse Road (Map 50/Lot Owner: Anita Amos

Agent: Joseph Wren, PF APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Copies of the permit and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street, between the weekday hours of 8:30 a.m.

Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 26th day of January, 2022.

OLD SAYBROOK INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

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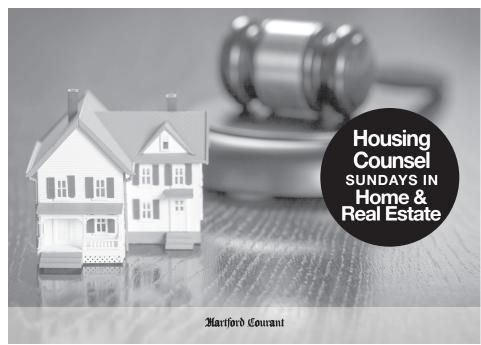
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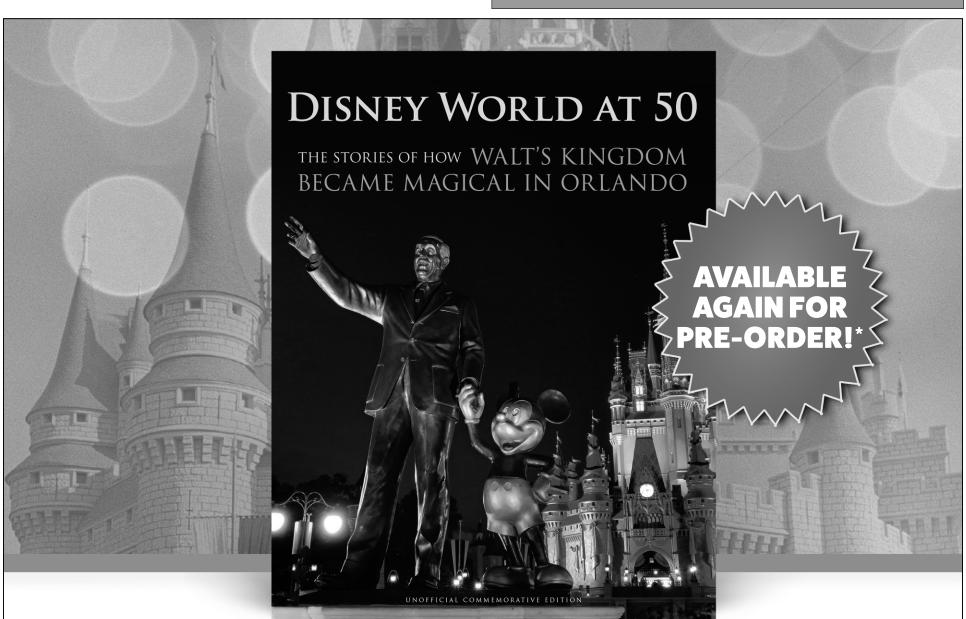
A. Proposal to amend the Zoning Regulations to modify Section 12 to add provisions to opt out of the provisions of Section 6 subsections (a) through (d), inclusive, of Public Act 21-29, and (2) section 8-2(d)(9) of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 21-29. Those provisions would, respectively, (1) establish a variety of state requirements for the regulation of accessory apartments and (2) limit the Commission's ability to set minimum parking requirements for residential uses. A copy of the proposed amendment and of Public Act 21-29 is available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk and at the Land Use Office in the Old Saybrook Town Hall during normal business hours. Petitioner: Old Saybrook Zoning Commission

Public Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/92356062093?pwd=WEZSYVdRcm1Dcms4d2wxM Public Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/ 9250002003 GFTVitiz209 Meeting ID: 923 5606 2093 Meeting Passcode: 302302 Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866 One Tap Mobile: tel://9294362866,,92356062093#

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# Saying 'I do' in the cloud

Unfettered by bounds of reality, how will possibilities in the metaverse change traditional weddings?

**By Steven Kurutz** The New York Times

raci and Dave Gagnon met in the cloud, so it only made sense that their wedding took place in it. On Labor Day weekend, the couple — or rather, their digital avatars - held a ceremony staged by Virbela, a company that builds virtual environments for work, learning and events.

Traci Gagnon's avatar was walked down the aisle by the avatar of her close friend. Dave Gagnon's avatar watched as his buddy's avatar ambled up to the stage and delivered a toast. And 7-year-old twin avatars (the ring bearer and flower girl) danced at the reception.

How the immersive virtual world known as the metaverse, which few of us understand, will change the traditional wedding is, at the moment, anyone's guess. But the possibilities of having an event unfettered by the bounds of reality are interesting enough to consider.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, technology is already being incorporated into ceremonies more than ever. Zoom weddings have taken place, and some in-person ceremonies now feature a livestream component for guests who cannot be there. Last year, a couple whose wedding was canceled because of the pandemic staged a (nonlegal) ceremony within Animal Crossing, a popular video game.

Like a ceremony within a video game, any weddings that occur solely in the metaverse are currently not legal. (Even virtual weddings by videoconference, which many states allowed during the height of the pandemic shutdowns, have since been outlawed in New York state and elsewhere.) Still, the metaverse will take these virtual celebrations much, much further, experts say, and offer almost boundless possibilities to couples.

There's no limitations," said Sandy Hammer, a founder of Allseated, which creates digital planning tools for weddings. The company is investing in the metaverse by creating virtual versions of realworld event spaces like the Plaza Hotel in New York. "If you really want to do something different, in the metaverse you might as well let your creativity go

Think guest lists that number in the thousands. Gift registries that feature NFTs, or nonfungible tokens. Maybe even destination weddings in space.

They're going to take their friends on a space rocket," Hammer said, adding that she envisions



TRACI GAGNON VIA THE NEW YORK TIMES

wedding parties globe-trotting virtually. "A bride can transport her guests into the metaverse: I want my morning session to be in Italy, my evening session to be in Paris.''

Nathalie Cadet-James, a wedding planner and designer based in Miami, is approaching the metaverse with "a beginner's mind of excitement," and trying to anticipate how her role will change. "I think my role might be more like a producer or film director," Cadet-James said. "I could create a set that I've enhanced. Flowers might come out of the ground as you're walking into the space. I would add whimsy and fantasy to it — because we could."

Of course, this would require the skills of a software engineer, a role not in any typical wedding budget at the moment.

The Gagnons had a hybrid wedding of sorts. The two were married in person Sept. 4 at Atkinson Resort & Country Club in New Hampshire, where they live, in a ceremony officiated by David Oleary, a friend and colleague of theirs ordained by the Universal Life Church, while simultaneously hosting a virtual ceremony in Virbela. They livestreamed their nuptials for those who could not be there in person. Guests of the virtual ceremony attended via computer, which required downloading software and then creating an

Both Traci Gagnon. 52, and her husband, 60, work as agents at eXp Realty. The brokerage has embraced virtual work and the metaverse and is part of eXp World Holdings,

which also owns Virbela. Before the couple met in person, their avatars met at a company event in Las Vegas in 2015. And when they announced their engagement in 2019, their co-workers offered to remake Virbela's cloud

campus into a wedding venue, free of charge. (Traci Gagnon estimated that it would have cost \$30,000 had they paid for it; representatives for Virbela declined to disclose a price for the event.)

The Gagnons sent pictures of themselves and their wedding décor to Virbela's events team and software engineers, who incorporated personalized details like bird of paradise flowers and images of their in-person venue into the virtual ceremony.

"They were able to take my wedding dress and customize it, and take a little flower halo and put it on my hair," Traci Gagnon said.

Patrick Perry, director of event sales and partnerships for Virbela, said the cost of holding an event in the metaverse "depends on what you want," adding, "if there's an engineer building out an MGM ballroom or something of that nature, then the cost goes up," ranging from a few thousand dollars to well over \$10,000.

But, Perry said, as the metaverse gets built out, "there's going to be more plug and play assets." Wedding couples will be able to select from predesigned venues, flowers, tablescapes, dresses, musical entertainment and other elements.

Virbela was designed to be an immersive platform for organizations to host events and build a sense of community in the metaverse. But users have asked the company to host graduations, bar mitzvahs, weddings and other celebrations. Lately, Perry said, Virbela has started to explore the wedding market and is in the planning stages with a few couples.

For Traci Gagnon, who hired two videographers, one to capture the in-person event and another to simulcast the ceremony to the cloud, the whole point of the metaverse element was the connection it offered.

Her maid of honor, who is ill, was still able to walk her down the aisle, if virtually. And Dave Gagnon's friend, who was unable to attend because his wife has preexisting health conditions, could deliver his toast. The experience of moving through a virtual world as an avatar — a kind of idealized version of yourself - creates a more immersive, emotionally satisfying experience than Zoom, Traci Gagnon said.

'There is a different level of connection" with the metaverse, she said.

Being a metaverse bride had other benefits, too.

'I'm always a size 4, even in January," she said, laughing. "And I never have a bad hair day."

"There's no limitations. If you really want to do something different, in the metaverse you might as well let your creativity go wild."

- Sandy Hammer, a founder of Allseated, which creates digital planning tools for weddings

### **EX-ETIQUETTE**

# If you put your child first, there's a compromise somewhere

By Jann Blackstone Tribune News Service

Q. My child's father and I were in college and not as careful as we should have been. Being so young, we discussed very little prior to having our child and when we broke up, agreed on very little. She is now 6 and we have both changed substantially. While we are both Christian. my daughter's father has chosen a much stricter path than I have. Although we are some-

what on the same page, he often takes our daughter to a cemetery to pray, not because relatives are buried there, but because he chooses to do so. My daughter comes home telling me it scares her. I told him, he didn't believe me and dismissed my concern.

A. Religious differences are tough to tackle. It's more than, "I like her hair long/I like her hair short." It's passing on your understanding of life. And if you have found something that centers you, then you want to pass that on to your child. However, if there is no meeting of the minds, how do you decide how to go forward?

My observation is your biggest problem is not that you worship differently, but that you can't discuss a very important subject. I don't know how you are approaching Dad, but if he feels attacked, he is probably taking your concerns very personally and gets defensive when anything is mentioned. You can't find a compromise when you feel you must defend yourself.

How can you find a compromise for something like religion? In this case, the location seems to be the biggest concern — the cemetery. So, you both must ask yourselves, other than church, is the cemetery (since it has been reported to scare her) the only place Dad can pass on his faith? If a child is frightened, they are more likely to reject than accept.

If you put your child first, there is usually a compromise somewhere. You just have to find it — in the name of your child.



Is a cemetery absolutely the only place a father can pass on his faith? MARC BRUXELLE/DREAMSTIME

# Rihanna pledges climate justice aid

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Rihanna is backing her belief that climate change is a social justice issue by pledging \$15 million to the movement through her Clara Lionel Foundation.

The singer Tuesday announced the donation to 18 climate justice organizations doing work in seven Caribbean nations and the U.S., including the Climate Justice Alliance, the Indigenous Environmental Network, and the Movement for Black Lives.

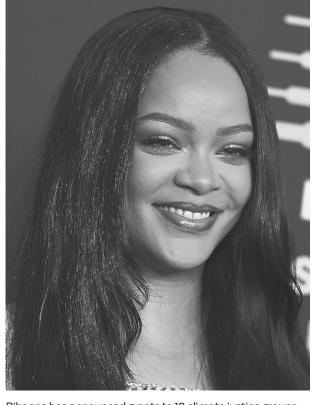
"Climate disasters, which are growing in frequency and intensity, do not impact all communities equally, with communities of color and island nations facing the brunt of climate change," Rihanna said in a statement, adding that is the reason her foundation prioritizes both climate resilience and climate justice work.

The grants, made in partnership with Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey's #StartSmall philanthropic initiative, are focused on groups with female, LGBT, and Black and Indigenous leaders because their communities are at the greatest risk.

Schneider sets another 'Jeopardy!' record: "Jeopardy!" champion Amy Schneider has officially achieved the second longest winning streak in the quiz show's history.

On Monday, the software engineering manager from Oakland, California, won her 39th straight game, besting previous runner-up Matt Amodio's 38-day record. So far, no one has come close to catching current "Jeopardy!" host Ken Jennings, who notched 74 consecutive victories as a contestant in 2004.

By the end of Monday's episode, Schneider had amassed \$1.32 million on the show — the fifth highest total ever, including



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tournament winnings. And she hasn't even participated in a tournament yet.

During her "Jeopardy!" stint, Schneider has blazed a trail by winning more games than any other woman and transgender person to appear on the quiz show.

Dylan sells recorded

music catalog: Sony
Music Entertainment
announced Monday that it
had purchased the rights
to all music recorded by
Bob Dylan. That acquisition of his recordings,
which date back 60 years,
also includes "the rights to
multiple future releases,"
Sony said in a news release.

Sony gave no dollar amount in Monday's announcement. Estimates put the value of publishing rights to his more than 600 song catalog at around \$300 million. The rock and folk star, 80, sold publishing rights to his extensive catalog to Universal Music in December 2020.

Designer Mugler dies: French fashion designer Manfred Thierry Mugler, 73, whose dramatic designs were worn by celebrities such as Madonna, Lady Gaga and Cardi B, has died. He died Sunday, according to his official Instagram account. The post did not

give a cause of death.

Mugler, who launched
his brand in 1973, became
known for his architectural
style, defined by broad
shoulders and a tiny waist.
The use of plastic-like
futuristic fabric in his
sculpted clothing became a
trademark.

Jan. 26 birthdays: Sportscaster Bob Uecker is 88. Actor Scott Glenn is 83. Singer Jean Knight is 79. Actor David Strathairn is 73. Comedian Ellen DeGeneres is 64. Guitarist Andrew Ridgeley is 59. Singer Jazzie B is 59. Actor Paul Johansson is 58. Singer Kirk Franklin is 52. Actor Gilles Marini is 46. Actor Sara Rue is 43.



# **ASK AMY**

**By Amy Dickinson** 

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### Friend worries ghosting may not be enough

**Dear Amy:** One of my friends, "Charles," has just gotten out of a three-year relationship with his emotionally abusive partner, "Anthony."

Before I understood how abusive Anthony had been, I considered us friends, but I'm no longer comfortable associating with Anthony at all.

Normally in this kind of situation where someone's primary friendship is with one person, the friendship just sort of naturally dissolves when they break up, but Anthony thinks of me as his best friend and is likely to continue.

I don't want to hurt his feelings by telling him I'm not comfortable with him anymore (he has severe depression and given that he's lost his relationship, losing a friendship on top of that could easily push him into a dangerous mental state), but he's unlikely to stop thinking we're friends unless I tell him outright.

We have never talked very much, so simply not talking to him anymore would be unlikely to send the message

the message.

Letting him think that I still value our friendship, even though I now actively dislike him seems a lot like the friendship version of leading someone on, but I don't have the first idea how to go about telling him. What should I do?

— Not Your Bestie

Dear Bestie: To recap

- "Anthony" has been
emotionally abusive to
your friend. Even though
you and Anthony don't
speak very often, you
believe he sees you as
his best friend. You want
to disabuse him of this

notion, but you don't want to ghost him, and you don't want to confront him because you are worried about his mental state.

A middle ground here would be to continue as you are, not initiating contact, speaking infrequently, and letting him think whatever he wants to think — until more time has passed, and you each would have gained some perspective and can back away slowly.

If Anthony is emotionally abusive, it is also possible that he would be capable of trying to control you through a sort of emotional blackmail. However, in this case, you seem to be supplying Anthony's script for him.

Anthony is responsible for his own feelings. If you are determined to express yourself to him, without being gratuitously unkind, you should say, "I was very disappointed in the way you treated Charles." That's it. He may explain, apologize or offer a contrasting view. He may also choose to end the friendship with you.

**Dear Amy:** I met the man of my dreams. He is the love of my life.

He has recently been arrested for not updating his whereabouts, as he is a registered sex offender. He was wrongly accused and did his time. He will most likely go back to prison for a few months because of not updating his address.

I love this man. He's a good man, and he's good to me. We are both madly in love, and I will support him regardless.

I've lost friends and a few family members because they are not happy with my choice. They refuse to see his side of the story. Why can't they just be happy for me?

How do I handle people judging me for making a choice that makes me happy?

**Dear C:** Failure to register as a convicted sex offender is a serious crime in every state.

Obviously, the people who are closest to you are worried about you. Not only are you engaged to a convicted sex offender — but, even if he was unjustly accused and convicted, he is too arrogant — or irresponsible — to register.

This is why they can't be happy for you.

Now that your fiance is behind bars, you will need your friends and family to be in your corner. Please, accept the fact that they cannot endorse this situation. Do your best to rebuild the relationships that have suffered.

**Dear Amy:** "Furious Stepdad" was upset that various family members would not use his stepson as their real estate broker.

Yikes. Mixing business with family almost never works. I wish you had pointed that out.

— Disappointed

Dear Disappointed: I suggested that this devoted stepfather could help this young real estate broker in other ways, by marketing his business to more receptive clients.

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### TV REVIEW

# Director wrestles with dueling images of Cosby in docuseries

**By Lorraine Ali**Los Angeles Times

Director W. Kamau Bell kicks off his four-part Showtime docuseries, "We Need to Talk About Cosby," with a question that makes everyone uncomfortable: Who is Bill Cosby?

His interview subjects curse under their breath and squirm in their seats as they attempt to formulate responses: A monster. America's dad. An alleged rapist. Someone to believe in, someone to trust. An intelligent, malignant narcissist. A tragedy.

In the compelling new series, which recently premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and kicks off Jan. 30 on Showtime. comedian and host Bell wrestles with our dueling images of Cosby the Black pioneer and cultural icon and Cosby the alleged serial sexual predator. Can and should we separate the man from his art? What is his effect on generations of Black Americans? And can we honor pieces of his shattered legacy while still recognizing the damage he wrought? Nothing is tied up in a neat bow, and that's largely what's so engrossing about this series. It struggles, like the rest of us, with where to put Cosby.

"This is hard," admits Bell. "There are times when making this I wanted to quit. I wanted to hold onto my memories of Bill Cosby before I knew about Bill Cosby."

Bell narrates the series off-camera, explaining that he felt compelled to make "We Need to Talk About Cosby" as a 1970s kid who felt a connection to the actor through "Fat Albert," "Picture Pages" and later, "The Cosby Show." Black academics, journalists, comedians and "Cosby Show" cast members are



Bill Cosby is the subject of "We Need to Talk about Cosby." MICHAEL BRYANT/ PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER 2018

among those interviewed here, as well as numerous women who've accused Cosby of sexual assault dating back as early as the 1960s. Archival news footage and clips from Cosby's various shows, films and TV interviews are used to illustrate the chasm between the lovable, upstanding dad on screen and the alleged abuser of more than 60 women.

Each hourlong episode is loosely structured so the first half chronicles Cosby's successes: becoming the first Black lead in a TV series with "I Spy" in 1965; pioneering the hiring of Black stunt men (as opposed to white men in blackface); diversifying Saturday morning cartoons; countering the stereotype of the broken African American family with "The Cosby Show."

The remainder of each episode chronicles what was happening behind the endearing Jell-O pudding commercials and smiling talk show appearances. Former Playboy bunny and playmate Victoria Valentino recalls being drugged by Cosby in the late 1960s at a Sunset Strip restaurant, shuttled to a town house in the Hollywood Hills, then raped by the star. Former model

Lise Lotte-Lublin details a similar story, decades later. The sheer number of allegations amassed here is overwhelming and the similarities between the accounts are sickening. (Cosby has consistently denied all allegations of sexual assault.)

There is a notable lack of film and TV luminaries in the series, and Bell explains there were many who just weren't willing to talk. Several "Cosby Show" alumni do appear, including writer Matt Williams and Doug E. Doug, who played Griffin Vesey. Lili Bernard and Eden Tirl had bit parts on the show after being handpicked by Cosby. They describe being drugged and assaulted backstage. Comments from journalist Jemele Hill, television host Roland Martin, Boston Globe editor Renee Graham, comedians Godfrey and Chris Spencer, academic Jelani Cobb and dozens more build out the case that there is not one correct way to think about Cosby. It's compli-

cated.
"You cannot truthfully speak about Black America in the later half of the 20th century and not talk about the influence of Bill Cosby," says Martin. Even accuser Tirl said she wasn't happy when Cosby was taken away in handcuffs: "(It was) a sad day in the history of Black culture."

The series wraps up just as Cosby's conviction is overturned on a technicality in June 2021, and he's released from prison. It's the only time we see Bell on camera. He looks exhausted and wonders what the film is even about anymore. The answer, of course, is that there's no easy answer.

Which is exactly why we need to talk about Cosby.

# HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Issues involving power dynamics could be on your mind. You learned too many lessons the hard way, and your knowledge could sound harsher than people are prepared to hear. Knowing the truth is more liberating than depressing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Figuring out what others expect from you may be challenging at this time. It might seem like the social norms are vague enough that you have room to navigate in the way that makes the most sense to you, but be careful! It's not always better to ask for forgiveness

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your responsibilities could seem exceptionally heavy today. You tend to assume the worst. Consider taking a look at how others handle similar tasks. If they're doing the same stuff with a lot less drama over the process, you benefit by adjusting your approach to match theirs.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Your current obligations to others could block any efforts to do something good for yourself. The main thing standing in your way may be your idealistic view of yourself. When you let go of the belief that you can be everything, you can find ways to honor the responsibilities that are yours.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):
You might feel like you're just going through the motions in your relationships. Though you may crave more engagement or emotional warmth, you might also be relieved to have everyone out of your hair. The commitment that keeps you all together can help you feel supported.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Talking to someone significant about a confusing matter could go about as well as possible for you at this time. You might still want more concrete details that the other person just can't give. Try to engage productively with whatever facts they can share with you now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your budget may aggravate you if it doesn't have room for fun. While your living situation and job might run smoothly enough, there could be things associated with those arrangements that are draining your resources. A small irritation today could help you notice a bigger issue!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Figuring out who you are and what you want could be hard right now. A current situation might remind you of times when your family didn't understand you early in your life, and you may wonder how your life would have been different if that hadn't happened. Be patient with your process.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Speaking your mind could be hard for you at the moment, as you may feel like you need to keep whatever is really bothering you private. It's OK if you need to take some time away from others. An activity like maintaining cherished

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You might seem like a stick in the mud today. While any concerns you may have about finances or other practical matters are valid, being vague about these issues could lead to someone misunderstanding you. You may not be able to make people under-

stand your commitment.

possessions could lift your

mood.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Others may look to you for leadership today — even the person who's actually in charge! Trouble could result if there is a mismatch between the responsibilities dumped on you and the power you're given to meet them. Be careful not to overstep crucial boundaries.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You really want to like a philosophy that your friends seem obsessed with, but you just can't get into it. Though you might feel left out of the excitement, this probably doesn't upset your friends as much as it upsets you. Vague responses should get you through most conversations until the fad passes.

# TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On Jan. 26, 1911,** the Richard Strauss opera "Der Rosenkavalier" premiered.

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Rocky Mountain National Park Act.

**In 1993,** Vaclav Havel was elected president of the Czech Republic.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

In 2009, Nadya Suleman gave birth in California to six boys and two girls. In 2016, character actor Abe Vigoda, 94, died.

In 2020, Kobe Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter and seven others were killed when their helicopter plunged into a steep hillside. Also, singer Billie Eilish made history at the Grammy Awards, becoming the youngest to win one of Grammy's top awards and the first to sweep all four in nearly 40 years.

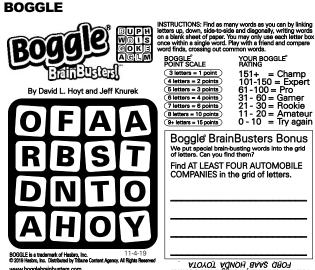
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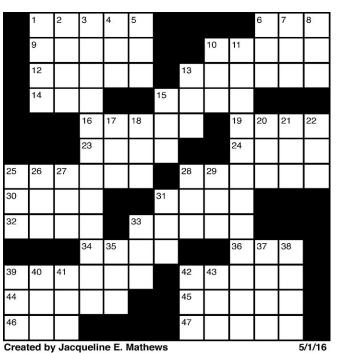
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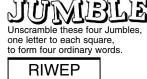
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#### **JUMBLE**



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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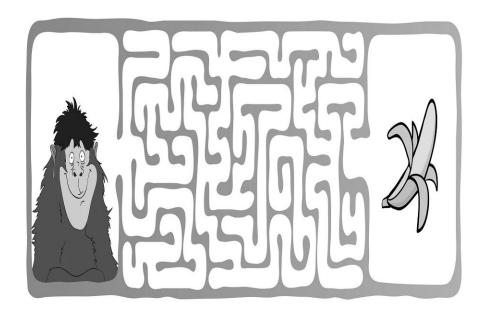
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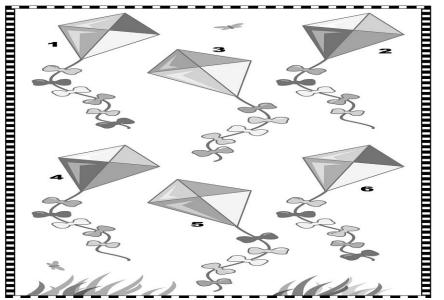
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### **KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES**



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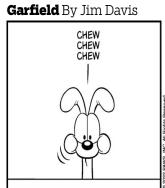


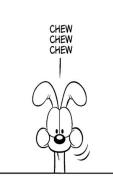
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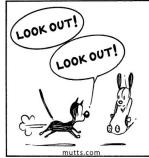








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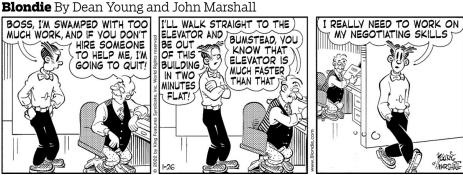
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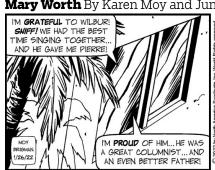




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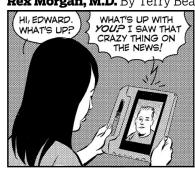


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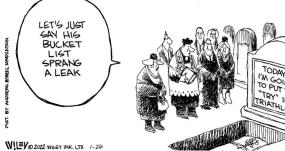


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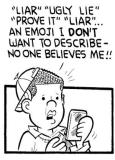


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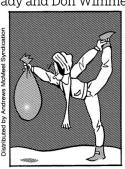


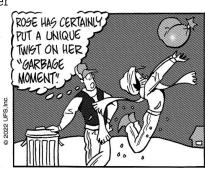




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### CROSSWORD

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**BRIDGE** BY STEVE BECKER

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By Darryl Gonzalez

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Pass

#### Opening lead — jack of diamonds. No easy road to success

Pass

There are no magic rules that govern declarer's play. The best approach in a given hand is usually more a matter of common sense than anything else, and certainly does not depend on any allencompassing formula.

Take this case where South is declarer in three notrump. He starts with seven tricks and needs to increase them to nine. The most obvious method of play is to win the diamond and take a spade finesse. If West has the king, two additional spade tricks will immediately accrue, solving declarer's problem right away.

However, attacking spades at once has a serious drawback. If East has the king, he will win and most likely shift to a heart, and the contract might — and in the actual case will — go down.

For this reason, South should avoid, or at least defer, any method of play that allows East to gain the lead and launch a potentially deadly heart attack. The A-Q

of hearts are a formidable combination so long as West is on lead, but their power is considerably diminished if East obtains the

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East is Public Enemy No. 1, and the hand should be played so as to avoid him, if at all possible. Declarer should therefore win the first

diamond in his hand, lead a club to the ace and return a club. If East follows low, South should insert the ten, being willing to lose the trick to

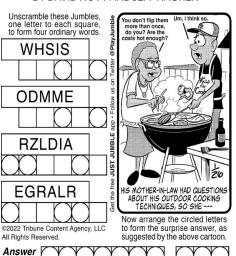
This play automatically produces trick No. 8, since the clubs are bound to be divided 3-2 if the ten loses to West.

Whatever West returns, South is certain of at least nine tricks, because he can now take the spade finesse in complete safety.

Win or lose, he can't be defeated. **Tomorrow:** A one-shot decision.

### **JUMBLE**

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



(Answers tomorrow) FUSION CREAMY Jumbles: FRAME GOING Yesterday's The chronic complainer was up early drinking his - "MOANING" COFFEE

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS** 

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE** 



# Families set lives to same soundtrack



**Heidi Stevens** Balancing Act

My son and I were driving home from school the other day when Gayle came on the radio, singing "ABCDE forget you."

She doesn't actually say "forget," my son informed me. And she doesn't say "broke-down car." And she doesn't say "stuff you call

"Hang on," he said. "I'll play you the real one." I imagined Kidz Bop writers' heads exploding.

I also imagined myself at roughly my son's age, trying to understand why my mom didn't want me listening to Madonna sing "Like a Virgin."

(I didn't know what a virgin was, beyond a vague notion that it had something to do with baby Jesus and Christmas.)

I like this way better. Parents have been scandalized by their kids' music for roughly forever. The same year my mom was changing the station from Madonna, Tipper Gore's Parents Music Resource Center was issuing its "Filthy Fifteen" list, featuring songs (including Madonna's) they wanted banned from the radio. Senate hearings ensued. Parental advisory labels sprung forth. Hands were

And that was all two decades after "Puff, the Magic Dragon" had parents pulling out their fainting couches and three decades after Elvis' hips sent the wrong kind of shivers down parental spines.

My friend and podcast partner John Duffy tells a story about his brother having to sneak a Partridge Family album into their house, lest it be confiscated



Madonna performs during halftime of Super Bowl XLVI in Indianapolis. Parents have been scandalized by their kids' music for roughly forever, says columnist Heidi Stevens. EZRA SHAW/GETTY 2012

by their pop music-hating parents.

I think we're finally moving away from that era. And honestly? Not a moment too soon.

Of course there are exceptions, and of course there will always be families in which certain artists, lyrics, genres of music are forbidden (read: Kids have to enjoy them in secret).

But what I'm noticing more and more — with my own kids, their friends, my friends, families reacting to the music played in public, families learning TikTok dances together (I watched a lot of grandmas doing the Cardi B "Up" dance) — is kids and their parents setting large parts of their lives to the same soundtrack.

Music, instead of being a thing to hide or be ashamed of — or a thing to shame someone for liking – is a thing to share. A thing to enjoy together or roll your eyes at together or discuss together.

I think it's partly why my son likes to tell me when the songs we're hearing on the radio aren't the "real"

"I don't know of a single better way to connect to your kids than to listen to their music, really listen, without judgment," Duffy, who is also a family therapist, told me when

I mentioned my music thoughts to him.

"If you ask them what draws them to a particular song, sound or lyric, I suspect you'll learn something about your child's depth, thoughtfulness, their inner worlds that you have difficulty accessing any other way.'

That was definitely the case last spring when my son showed me the Lil Nas X video for "Montero (Call Me By Your Name)," which includes the singer riding a stripper pole to hell and giving Satan a lap dance. (My mom thought the "Footloose" soundtrack was controversial.)

The Lil Nas X video

led to such a fascinating discussion about gay pride and Christianity and refusing to conform and social media trolls and, to Duffy's point, I'm really not sure how else we would have arrived at those topics so

I appreciate being let in on my kids' worlds, even when I'm a little surprised

seamlessly if they weren't

handed to us on a (slightly

explicit) platter.

at what goes on there. "By showing you understand – again without judgment – you deepen your connection with your child," Duffy said. "It's the kind of connection that is invaluable, and can pay dividends when you need

I also think it's worth noting that a loosening of musical mores isn't coinciding with the downfall of civilization.

The teen birth rate has been declining in the United States since 1991 and hit a record low in 2019, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Teens are waiting longer to initiate their first sexual encounter, and the percentage of young people who have sexual intercourse during high school has been dropping for decades.

Drug and alcohol use among U.S. teens dropped a record amount in 2021, according to an annual survey by the National Institute on Drug Abuse that began in 1975. And the percentage of teens who said they "ever tried cigarette smoking" dropped from 70 to 24 between 1991 and 2019, and the percentage of teens who said they currently use cigarettes went from 27.5 in 1991 to 6

None of this is meant to imply that kids aren't struggling, or that kids no longer find less-than-helpful ways to cope with those struggles. We've foisted an almost intolerable load onto their young shoulders, and now a pandemic to boot.

An antidote for all of it, though, for all of us, is connection. And music can be that connector. It can pave over some pretty rocky moments and open some really important windows into what our kids are hearing, feeling, fearing, loving.

It's a gift when they let

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# Adopt US Kids





# I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, 'A family like yours.' That's when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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# SPORTS

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**UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** 

# DePaul's high-octane offense a concern

**By Alexa Philippou** Hartford Courant

The 10th-ranked UConn women's basketball may no longer be playing top-ranked South Carolina this week, but the Huskies still have a tough challenge at Big East foe DePaul Wednesday evening.

The Blue Demons are never an easy team to face, but surely UConn coach Geno Auriemma wishes he had a healthier back-court heading into a game like this. The good news is that senior Christyn Williams will be able to give UConn some minutes. She has missed the previous three contests making her way back from COVID-19 protocols, and her availability depends on how she feels.

Fifteen minutes from Williams

Up next



UConn at DePaul 8 p.m., SNY

is better than zero, especially as Auriemma seeks to be smart about Nika Mühl's minutes to prevent the foot injury that kept her out three games in December from worsening. Freshman Azzi Fudd (foot) is still out as she works her way back into game shape, and Auriemma said she'll do some things with the team in practice Tuesday.

"I think DePaul is always a difficult assignment, no matter who we've had," Auriemma said. "We've taken some undefeated, great teams there and had a hard time keeping them from doing what they want to do. They put

so much pressure on you to have to score. They play a pace and a style that no one else in the country does.

"Right now, we're down a couple guards so we really can't play the way we would like to play against them, which is to go up and down with them, like we have pretty much every year. But you really are going to have to control the tempo, you're really going to have to be smart with the ball, pick your spots. And you can't worry about what the score is."

DePaul (16-4) may not be ranked at the moment but is 8-1 in the Big East play thanks to freshman sensation Aneesah Morrow. The current frontrunner for conference player and freshman of the

Turn to UConn, Page 4



UConn guard Christyn Williams, right, reacts to the stadium display as family and friends congratulate her on her 1,000th point during a 2020 game against DePaul in Storrs. **DAVID BUTLER II/AP** 

#### **BASEBALL HALL OF FAME**



Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz reacts as he crosses home plate after hitting a two-run home run during the sixth inning of a game against the Orioles on June 24, 2015, at Fenway Park in Boston. Ortiz was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on Tuesday. **APFILE** 

# Papi gets the call

# Slugger David Ortiz, Red Sox legend and three-time World Series champ, elected to Baseball Hall of Fame

**By Peter Abraham**Boston Globe

David Ortiz, the ebullient slugger who carried the Red Sox and their fans to unimagined heights, is the newest member of baseball's Hall of Fame.

The news only a few players ever receive came Tuesday night in a call that traveled from Cooperstown, N.Y., to the Dominican Republic. Ortiz was in with 77.9% of the votes cast by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Meanwhile, three other former stars, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Curt Shilling, failed to gain induction to the Hall on their final times on the ballot.

Ortiz joined Wade Boggs, Pedro Martinez, Carl Yastrzemski, and Inside

Bonds, Clemens denied Hall on their 10th try. **Page 3** 

Ted Williams as the only Red Sox players to gain entrance to the Hall on the first ballot.

Martinez, a teammate from 2003-04, was among the family and friends who gathered with Ortiz at a restaurant in Santo Domingo when word came from BBWAA secretary-treasurer Jack O'Connell.

Martinez had his left hand on Ortiz's shoulder as he answered the phone and O'Connell said he had been elected.

"Yes!" shouted Ortiz before hugging his father, Leo, and Martinez with both arms then embracing his longtime agent, Fernando Cuza.

"Being in the Hall of Fame, I never really never dreamed of it," said Ortiz, who also celebrated with his three children. "All I was looking for was the opportunity to be able to be a great player and it came true once I got to the Red

The vote

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FINAL RESULTS

3B Scott Rolen

DH/1B David Ortiz

OF Barry Bonds RHP Roger Clemens

RHP Curt Schilling 1B/3B Todd Helton

LHP Billy Wagner OF Andruw Jones

2B/SS Jeff Kent

OF Sammy Sosa

LHP Andy Pettitte

OF Bobby Abreu LHP Mark Buerhle

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RHP Tim Hudson

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RHP Tim Lincecum

1B/OF Ryan Howard

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RHP Jonathan Papelbon

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OF Gary Sheffield 3B/SS Álex Rodríguez

OF Manny Ramírez SS/3B Omar Vizquel

The induction ceremony is scheduled for July 24. COVID-permitting, a caravan of Red Sox fans are sure to make the trip to Cooperstown to pay tribute to the player brown as Pic Peri

to the player known as Big Papi. Ortiz is one of 58 players elected on the first ballot, the inner circle of the Hall of Fame.

"I can call myself that. I started paying attention to that lately," he said. "I learned how difficult it is

Turn to Ortiz, Page 2

# Villanova tops DePaul for 22nd straight time, 67-43

**BIG EAST BASKETBALL** 

Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Justin Moore scored 16 points, Collin Gillespie had 14, and No. 14 Villanova beat DePaul for the 22nd straight time, 67-43 on Tuesday night.

The Blue Demons (10-9, 1-8 Big East) last topped the Wildcats on Jan. 3, 2008.

Two national championships later, the Wildcats (15-5, 8-2) continue to reign as the class of the conference and shook off a sluggish start to cruise again at the Pavilion.

They had a 29-game Pavilion winning streak snapped last week in a loss to Marquette, knocking them down three spots in the AP Top 25 poll. Villanova rebounded with a win over the weekend against Georgetown, then used an 11-2 run to close the first half against DePaul to set the tone for the rout.

Moore, who averaged 17.3 points over his last eight games, scored 11 of Villanova's first 14 points and hit three 3s in the first half to carry the Wildcats when baskets were at a premium.

Eric Dixon went up-and-under as the shot clock expired, and Gillespie hit a 3 to send the Wildcats into the half with a 35-22 lead.

The Blue Demons usually play Nova tough and the last three games in the series played at the Pavilion were decided by five points or less. Villanova hit 11 3-pointers and pulled away in the second half.

The Wildcats eight wins are tops in the Big East, and a double-digit win against DePaul and the next game against a middling St. John's team should start to give them a cushion in the standings. They open February with consecutive games against ranked teams, a small stretch that could go a long way toward deciding which team wins the Big East.

It's won't be DePaul. Again. The Blue Demons did pick up an upset win this month against Seton Hall but still have lost eight of nine games. Javan Johnson led them with 16 points.

### The late show

Tuesday's UConn game against Georgetown ended too late for this edition. Go to **courant.com/sports** for complete coverage.

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Feb. 5, noon UConn WBB: at DePaul, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; at Providence, Sunday, 11

a.m.; at Creighton, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m. Celtics: at Hawks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pelicans, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Heat,

Monday, 7:30 p.m. Knicks: at Heat, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.;

at Bucks, Friday, 10 p.m.; Kings, Monday, 7:30 p.m. Nets: Nuggets, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; at

Warriors, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.: at Suns. Tuesday, 10 p.m.

UConn hockey: vs. Yale (CT Collegiate Tourney), Saturday, 3:30 p.m.; vs. Quinnipiac/Sacred Heart (CT Collegiate Tourney), Sunday, time TBD; Providence, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. Bruins: at Avalanche. Wednesday, 10 p.m.; at Coyotes, Friday, 9 p.m.; at

Stars, Sunday, 7 p.m. Rangers: at Blue Jackets, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Wild, Friday, 8 p.m.; Kraken, Sunday, 1 p.m. Wolf Pack: Springfield, Wednesday, 7 p.m.;

Providence, Friday, 7 p.m.; Lehigh Valley, Saturday, 7 p.m.

#### TV/RADIO **BASKETBALL**

6 p.m.: Florida at Tennessee. (Live) ESPN2 6:30 p.m.: Providence at Xavier. (Live) CBSSN 6:30 p.m.: Creighton at Butler. (Live) FS1 7 p.m.: Miami at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC 7 p.m.: Arkansas at Ole Miss. (Live) SEC 7 p.m.: Vanderbilt at South Carolina. (Live)

7:30 p.m.: New York Knicks at Miami Heat. (Live), ESPN, MSG 8 p.m.: Oklahoma at West Virginia. (Live) ESPN2

**ESPNU** 

8 p.m.: Denver Nuggets at Brooklyn Nets. (Live),

8 p.m.: Women's College: UConn at DePaul. (Live),

8:30 p.m.: VCU at Davidson. (Live) CBSSN 8:30 p.m.: Marquette at Seton Hall. (Live) FS1 9 p.m.: Florida State at Georgia Tech. (Live) ACC 9 p.m.: Texas A&M at LSU. (Live) SEC

9 p.m.: Tulsa at Tulane. (Live) ESPNU 10:05 p.m.: Phoenix Suns at Utah Jazz. (Live) ESPN 10:30 p.m.: San Diego State at Utah State. (Live) FS1

11 p.m.: Athletes Unlimited Basketball (Live) CBSSN **GOLF** 

12:30 p.m.: Farmers Insurance Open, First Round. (Live) GOLF 4:30 p.m.: Southwestern Invitational, Final Round. (Live) GOLF

2:30 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Slync.io Dubai Desert Classic, First Round. (Live) GOLF HOCKEY

7 p.m.: Springfield Thunderbirds at Hartford Wolf Pack. (Live), Radio:

7 p.m.: Anaheim Ducks at Toronto Maple Leafs. (Live) SPRTNET 7:30 p.m.: Chicago Blackhawks at Detroit Red Wings. (Live) TNT 10 p.m.: Boston Bruins at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) SPRTNETTNT

2:45 p.m.: Scottish Premier League Soccer Heart of Midlothian vs Celtic Glasgow. (Live) **TENNIS** 

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7a.m.: 2022 Australian Open Tennis Men's & Women's Ouarterfinals. (Taped) TENNIS 3:30 a.m. Thu.: 2022 Australian Open Tennis Women's Semifinals. (Live) ESPN



Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) passes the ball while pressured by Kings forward Marvin Bagley III (35) during the first quarter Tuesday in Boston. Tatum scored 36 points in a 128-75 Celtics victory. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

**CELTICS 128, KINGS 75** 

# Laughing all the way

Tatum, Brown lead Celtics in blowout over Kings

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jayson Tatum scored 36 points and Jaylen Brown had 30 points and 10 rebounds before both rested the entire fourth quarter as the Boston Celtics routed the Sacramento Kings 128-75 on Tuesday night.

Robert Williams finished with 13 points and 17 rebounds for the Celtics, who got off to a torrid start and never let up on the Kings, even when both teams went to reserves for the fourth quarter of a game that had been long decided. Boston stretched its lead to 60 points before it was over.

Buddy Hield led the Kings with 11 points. He was the only Sacramento player to score in double figures as the Kings lost their fourth straight. Richaun Holmes had nine points and nine rebounds and Tyrese Haliburton added seven assists for Sacramento.

The Celtics went on an 11-0 run early in the first quarter, then added a 16-0 spurt later in the period while holding the Kings scoreless for a stretch of 5:05. Boston led 38-13 after

Brown alone outscored Sacramento with 15 points in the first quarter and had a nice assist with a long bounce pass to set up Robert Williams for a dunk. Grant Williams also hit a 3-pointer during the 16-0 run and two meetings with Sacramento.

grabbed his own rebound after a miss and put it back up for a layup that Maurice Harkless blocked but was called for goaltending, putting Boston

A 3-pointer by Josh Richardson with 1.1 seconds left in the second quarter gave Boston a 63-30 halftime lead. It was the third straight game the Kings allowed 60 points in the

Brown opened the third quarter with a 15-foot jumper, then hit backto-back 3-pointers. He finished the game 11-for-19, making 5 of 12 3s.

Tip-ins: Kings leading scorer De'Aaron Fox missed his second straight game with a left ankle injury. .. The Kings made 1 of 12 3-pointers in the first quarter while shooting 17% (5-for-29) from the floor. It didn't get much better in the second quarter as Sacramento finished the half 10-for-49 overall and 1-for-20 from beyond

The Celtics tied their season high for first-quarter scoring with 38 points. ... Tatum had 11 points in the first and Williams had seven rebounds. ... G Marcus Smart was scoreless in his second game back from COVID-19 protocols but did have seven assists. ... Aaron Nesmith added 10 points. ... The Celtics had lost their previous

### **KNICKS**

## Randle's struggles, Barrett's ascent may signal a leadership shift

**By Steve Popper** Newsday

NEW YORK — The Knicks have their problems and Tom Thibodeau likes to focus on the immediate ones – the next game, the next practice and hold a tunnel-vision approach for himself and the team.

So he won't discuss the potential death march the Knicks (23-25, 11th place in the East) are in right now in the midst of eight of 10 games on the road. But as the Knicks weave their way through that test which began with a loss in Cleveland Monday and resumes Wednesday night in Miami, it's hard to avoid the reality that this portion of the schedule will overlap with the Feb. 10 trade deadline.

Thibodeau wants to live in the present, but the Knicks' future is far more uncertain than it was when the season began with the team still riding the high of a fourth-place finish and a playoff berth last season. While team president Leon Rose has plucked away at the fringes of the roster, it's hard to look at this team and imagine, even if they put together a second half to earn a playoff or play-in spot again, it ascending to contender status.

The heart of the issue is at the top of the roster where Julius Randle, after emerging with a career year last season, has regressed in his play and seemed, to use Thibodeau's word, distracted. Randle has feuded with fans, avoided media and hardly seemed like the leader the team expected when he was signed to a four-year, \$117 million extension in the offseason.

Since returning from his bout with COVID – one game ahead of his now-infamous thumbs down game at Madison Square Garden—Randle has not led the Knicks in scoring alone in any of the 11 games. He tied RJ Barrett once with 18 points in a loss to Charlotte but has averaged 17.5 points on 39.8% shooting in that span, including 25.8% from beyond the arc.

Barrett has led the Knicks nine times, averaging 23.4 points on 45.4% shooting and has converted 42.6% from three-point range. Yet, as the seconds counted down on the Knicks with the ball and a chance to take the lead Monday against Cleveland, Randle brought the ball upcourt slowly, dribbled to no advantage and finally swung the ball to Barrett for a three-point attempt that misfired with the clock ticking down.

Is this enough to signal that Barrett, only 21 years old and on the upswing, is ready to displace him as the lead dog on the court and as the face of the franchise?

"I don't feel like I've done anything so far," Barrett said this week. "Just my mindset. I'm always hungry. I'm hungry for more. I want more for the team but for myself, as well ... I think anything's possible. I want to continue to be able to make plays ... and score and defend and rebound, really do it all out there on the court for the team and kind of be the guy that does whatever the team needs."

**RED SOX** 

# Winter Warmup offers prospects a chance for some supervised on-field time

**By Alex Speier** Boston Globe

 ${\tt BOSTON-In}$  Fort Myers, Fla., the Red Sox are attempting to make up for lost time with a group of young prospects.

The last two years have represented a painful disruption to developing minor leaguers. The 2020 minor league season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and last year's minor league season was delayed and subsequently shortened. Teams fretted about the lost opportunities to both instruct players and to let them learn on the field.

This year, MLB owners have locked out players on the 40-man roster — thus preventing programs such as the Rookie Development Program in Boston that the Sox have held frequently for near big league-ready prospects. And so, Red Sox officials are using this week to have minor league instructors work closely with a select group of 28 minor leaguers, most of whom will open this season in High-A or Double-A.

The program — called the "Winter Warm-Up" by the Sox
— started on Monday and runs through Friday in Fort Myers. In moving the program to the team's spring training complex rather than holding it in Boston, the club has a chance to offer players such as infielders Triston Casas and Nick Yorke as well as pitchers Brandon Walter and Chris Murphy supervised on-field time to prepare for the start of spring training.

"One of the things that we have definitely focused on ... is a full year of development. There's so

much time that can be lost. We realized that with the COVID year," said Red Sox farm director Brian Abraham. "Then you think about the time that happens after a regular season. There's four or five months in between sometimes the last time a pitcher throws a baseball or a hitter hits a baseball from an affiliate to when we see them in spring training.

"This is just another stepping stone," Abraham added. "To really be able to see and converse with these players, to be able to do it in person I think is great. There's no getting back that lost year. I think we can only take advantage of the time we have and really be around them and maximize the chance to help them improve face-to-face."

Casas is the prospect in the group who is both well-known – he's a consensus top-three prospect in the Red Sox system, with some rankings pegging him as the team's top prospect - and likely the closest to a big league role. The 22-year-old, who finished last year with Triple-A Worcester, could emerge as a big league option as soon as this year.

But most of the players in Fort Myers will open the season in either High-A or Double-A. In addition to top young prospects such as Yorke (likely to open the year in High-A) and slugging corner infielder Blaze Jordan (likely to open 2022 in Low-A), organizational newcomers Alex Binelas (a slugging corner infielder) and David Hamilton (a fast, athletic middle infielder) both acquired from the Brewers in the Hunter Renfroe trade in December – are taking part in the program.

### Ortiz

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to get in on the first ballot. It's a wonderful honor to get in on my first rodeo. It's something very special to me."

Ortiz is part of a Hall of Fame class that also includes Brooklyn Dodgers first baseman Gil Hodges, longtime Minnesota Twins lefthander Jim Kaat, beloved Chicago White Sox outfielder Minnie Miñoso, hard-hitting Twins outfielder Tony Oliva, and Negro League stalwarts Bud Fowler and Buck O'Neil.

They were elected in December by two era committees. Hodges, Miñoso, Fowler, and O'Neil will be honored posthumously.

Bonds (66%) and Clemens, the former Red Sox ace (65.2%), were denied admission on their 10th and final time on the ballot.

Schilling, one of the celebrated members of the 2004  $\mathop{\mathrm{Red}}$ Sox, received 58.6% in his final attempt. He received 71.1% a year ago then derailed his candidacy with a Facebook post attacking the voters.

"Focus on who did get in. David Ortiz deserved a 1st ballot induction!" Schilling wrote on Twitter. "Congratulations my friend you earned it!"

Ortiz cleared the 75% required for induction on the strength of a 20-year career that included 541 home runs, 632 doubles, a .286 batting average, and three World Series championships. Ortiz hit .455 in 14 World Series

games with nine extra-base hits, 14 walks, and 14 RBIs.

"I was always concerned about going home without a trophy, it was something I got used to," Ortiz said. "If I was born again, I would like to get the opportunity to play for [the Red Sox] again, because they educated me not only as a player; they educated me as a human being."

Ortiz, Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, and Reggie Jackson are the only players with at least 500 home runs and three rings.

"There are countless reasons why David is deserving of this honor, beginning with three World Series trophies that we would not have without his heroics on the field and his leadership," said Red Sox principal owner John Henry, who also owns the

"He was critical in transforming the narrative around the Red Sox from one of curses and superstitions to tales of clutch moments and a collection of championships."

### Still plenty for Eppler, Showalter to do once MLB lockout ends

By Deesha Thosar New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Given the frenzied nature of the past four months, also known as a typical Mets offseason, it felt foreign to watch Billy Eppler and Buck Showalter on Monday conduct a low-key, ordinary press conference. While the Mets general manager and skipper reflected calm personas, the reality is there's plenty of work and meticulous planning taking place behind the scenes.

Eppler and Showalter were finally in the same room together on Monday, sitting side by side and exchanging friendly quips within the confines of Citi Field, to discuss the Mets' now complete coaching staff. Ever since Eppler was hired by Mets owner Steve Cohen back in November, he had been running press conferences remotely. Showalter, too, executed his introductory press conference last month with a classy Zoom set-up from his own home. It was a far cry from the usual

pageantry the Mets and most teams present when introducing a new manager. But to have Eppler and Showalter finally assembled was a good indication that the supercharged, sometimes erratic, theme of the Mets winter was slowing down and coming together.

"It's obvious that Billy and I share a lot of hopes and dreams for the Mets," Showalter said. 'The energy level and the sense of urgency, I'm excited about it."

### **BRUINS**

# Boston willing to give struggling Rask some time to sharpen his game

**By Matt Porter** Boston Globe

BOSTON — The Bruins won't sit back and let their playoff chances be affected by a shaky netminder. That's because they think they have enough time, and cushion in the standings, to let Tuukka Rask shed that characterization.

Starting a five-day, three-city

road trip Wednesday in Colorado, the Bruins (24-13-2) held a firm grip on a playoff spot. The lead on Detroit (18-18-6) is 8 points for the second wild-card slot in the East. If the race were tighter — Columbus, the next team behind Detroit, was 13 points out of the postseason, as of Tuesday — the Bruins might be thinking differently.

Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy

reiterated the team's support of Rask, the veteran stopper who has allowed 14 goals in four games (.844 save percentage) since returning from July hip surgery.

"We made a decision as a group when Tuukka came back," Cassidy said on a late-morning Zoom call Tuesday. "Anybody coming back at any level, it's going to take a little bit of time. We understood that. We're not at that point yet where we're going to blow everything up."

Linus Ullmark, who has given up 18 goals in his last seven starts all wins — will start against the powerful Avalanche (29-8-3, No. 1 in the West). Cassidy didn't reveal his plans, but Rask could take the net Friday against the Coyotes, who are battling with the Canadiens for lottery odds.

When Rask declared himself ready, the Bruins planned to give him at least one start in the AHL before adding him to the NHL roster. Rask signed an AHL tryout contract Jan. 6, and was in line to start for Providence against Lehigh Valley Jan. 7. That game, and another one two days later, was wiped out by COVID.

#### SCOREBOARD

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Florida	42	28	9	5	61	170	122
Tampa Bay	43	28	10	5	61	149	123
Toronto	38	25	10	3	53	129	100
Boston	39	24	13	2	50	122	107
Detroit	42	18	18	6	42	113	139
Buffalo	41	13	21	7	33	111	142
Ottawa	35	12	20	3	27	98	125
Montreal	41	8	26	7	23	90	154
METRO.	GP	W	L	ОТ	PTS	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	43	28	11	4	60	132	110
Pittsburgh	41	26	10	5	57	139	108
Carolina	38	27	9	2	56	136	91
Washington	43	23	11	9	55	139	118
Columbus	39	18	20	1	37	121	139
New Jersey	40	15	20	5	35	117	140
N.Y. Islanders	34	14	14	6	34	80	91
Philadelphia	42	13	21	8	34	103	144
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**TUESDAY'S RESULTS** Arizona at Pittsburgh, late Buffalo at Ottawa, late Dallas at New Jersey, late Vegas at Carolina, late Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, late Florida at Winnipeg, late Edmonton at Vancouver, late Nashville at Seattle, late

conference advance to playoffs.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Anaheim at Toronto, 7p.m. Calgary at Columbus, 7p.m. San Jose at Washington, 7p.m. Chicago at Detroit, 7:30p.m. Boston at Colorado, 10p.m.

**THURSDAY'S GAMES** Anaheim at Montreal, 7p.m. Carolina at Ottawa, 7p.m. Los Angeles at N.Y. Islanders, 7p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Columbus, 7p.m. New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7p.m. Seattle at Pittsburgh, 7p.m. Vegas at Florida, 7p.m. Calgary at St. Louis, 8p.m. Vancouver at Winnipeg, 8p.m. Nashville at Edmonton, 9p.m.

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Minnesota at Portland, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Charlotte at Indiana, 7p.m. L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7p.m. Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7p.m. New York at Miami, 7:30p.m. Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30p.m. Denver at Brooklyn, 8p.m. Toronto at Chicago, 8p.m. Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30p.m. Dallas at Portland, 10p.m. Phoenix at Utah, 10p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m. Minnesota at Golden State, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS Cleveland 95, New York 93 Chicago 111, Oklahoma City 110 New Orleans 117, Indiana 113 Phoenix 115, Utah 109

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Liverpool	22	14	6	2	58	19	48
Chelsea	24	13	8	3	48	18	47
Man United	22	11	5	6	36	30	38
West Ham	23	11	4	8	41	31	37
Arsenal	21	11	3	7	33	25	36
Tottenham	20	11	3	6	26	24	36
Wolverhampton	21	10	4	7	19	16	34
Brighton	22	6	12	4	23	23	30
Leicester	20	7	5	8	34	37	26
Aston Villa	21	8	2	11	28	32	26
Southampton	22	5	10	7	26	34	25
Crystal Palace	22	5	9	8	31	34	24
Brentford	23	6	5	12	26	38	23
Leeds	21	5	7	9	24	40	22
Everton	20	5	4	11	24	35	19
Norwich	22	4	4	14	13	45	16
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Burnley vs. Watford, 1p.m. **U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE** q-Thursday: vs. El Salvador, 6:30 p.m q-Jan. 30: vs. Canada, 3:05 p.m.

q-Feb. 2: vs. Honduras, 8:30 p.m.

q-March 24: vs. Mexico, TBD

TENNIS 110TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN Tuesday at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia, outdoors-hard MEN'S QUARTERFINAL SINGLES #6 Rafael Nadal d. #14 Denis

Shapovalov, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6, 6-3.				
SHAPO\	/ALOVTIME: 4:08.	NADAL		
20	Aces	8		
5	Double faults	11		
58%	1st serve in %	68%		
73%	Win % on 1st serve	79%		
54%	Win % on 2nd serve	46%		
2-8	Break points won	3-7		
27-44	Net points won	22-26		
35-146	Receiving points won	43-137		
53	Winners	41		
0	Return winners	4		
51	Unforced errors	28		
6	Return unforced errors	1		
135	Total points won	148		
133 mpł	r Fastest serve	126 mph		
122 mpł	1st Serve average	118 mph		
102 mph	2nd serve average	103 mph		

#7 Matteo Berrettini d. #17 Gael Monfils, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 3-6, 6-2. EARLY WEDNESDAY RESULT #4 Stefanos Tsitsipas vs #11Jannik Sinner, late

**WOMEN'S QUARTERFINAL SINGLES** #1 Ashleigh Barty d. #21 Jessica Pegula, 6-2, 6-0. Madison Keys d. #4 Barbora Krejcikova, 6-3, 6-2.

**EARLY WEDNESDAY RESULTS** #7 Iga Swiatek vs. Kaia Kanepi, late #27 Danielle Collins vs. Alize Cornet, late

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED** No. 1 Auburn (18-1) at Missouri. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 2 Gonzaga (15-2) did not play.
Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday. No. 3 Arizona (16-1) vs. No. 7 UCLA. Next: vs. Arizona State, Saturday. No. 4 Baylor (17-2) vs. Kansas State. Next: at Alabama, Saturday. No. 5 Kansas (17-2) did not play Next: vs. No. 12 Kentucky, Saturday. No. 6 Purdue (16-3) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Thursday.
No. 7 Houston (17-2) did not play. No. 7 UCLA (13-2) at No. 3 Arizona. Next: vs. California, Thursday. No. 9 Duke (16-3) beat Clemson 71-69. Next: at Louisville, Saturday.
No. 10 Michigan State (15-4) lost to No. 24 Illinois 56-55, Next: vs. Michigan, Sat. No. 11 Wisconsin (15-3) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Thursday. No. 12 Kentucky (15-4) vs. Mississippi State. Next: at No. 5 Kansas, Saturday. No. 13 Texas Tech (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Saturday No. 14 Villanova (15-5) beat DePaul 67-41. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday No. 15 Southern Cal (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Stanford, Thursday.
No. 16 Ohio State (12-4) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday No. 17 Providence (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Xavier, Wednesday. No. 18 Tennessee (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Wednesday. No. 19 LSU (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Wednesday. No. 20 UConn (13-4) vs. Georgetown. Next: at DePaul, Saturday. No. 21 Xavier (14-4) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Providence, Wednesda No. 22 Marquette (14-6) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Wednesday No. 23 Iowa State (14-5) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma St., Wednesday. No. 24 Illinois (14-5) beat No. 10 Michigan State 56-55. Next: at Northwestern, S. No. 25 Davidson (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. VCU, Wednesday.

**TUESDAY'S SCORES** 

Lancaster 71, Penn St.-Abington 61 Lancaster 71, Penn St.-Abington 61 Lehman 112, Hunter 101 Penn College 86, Penn St.-Berks 52 Richmond 70, Rhode Island 63 St. Mary's (Md.) 84, Gallaudet 53 Yale 83, Columbia 72 SOUTH Covenant 67, Berea 48 Georgia 82, Alabama 76

N. Kentucky 73, Wright St. 63

MIDWEST Akron 60, Cent. Michigan 56 Kent St. 75, W. Michigan 64 Ohio 74, N. Illinois 62

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No 1. South Carolina (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Mississippi, Thursday. No 2. Stanford (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Friday No 3. NC State (18-2) did not play. No 4. Tennessee (18-1) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Thursday. No 5. Louisville (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State. Thursday No 6. Indiana (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Thursday. No 7. Michigan (17-2) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Ohio St., Thursday No 8. Arizona (14-2) did not play. Next: at UCLA. Wednesday No 9. Texas (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Kansas State, Wednesday. No 10. UConn (11-4) did not play. No 11. Baylor (13-4) did not play. Rice. (VC) Joe Gordon No 12. LSU (17-3) did not play. No 13, Iowa State (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Wednesday.
No 14. Georgia Tech (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday. No 15. Georgia (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Mississippi, Sunday. No 16. BYU (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Thursday.
No 17. Maryland (13-6) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Thursday No 18. Oklahoma (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Wednesday. No 19. Oregon (11-5) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Wednesday. No 20. Notre Dame (14-4) at Virginia,

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ppd. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday. No 21. Duke (13-4) did not play.

No 22. Ohio State (15-3) did not play Next: vs. No. 7 Michigan, Thursday No 23. Iowa (13-4) beat Penn State

107-79. Next: at Northwestern, Friday No 24. Mississippi (17-2) did not play. Next: at No. 1 South Carolina, Thursday

No 25. Kansas State (15-4) did not play Next: at No. 9 Texas, Wednesday.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday's games

AFC: No. 4 Cincinnati (12-7) at

No. 2 Kansas City (14-5), 3:05 p.m. **NFC:** No. 6 San Francisco (12-7) at No. 4 L.A. Rams (14-5), 6:40 p.m.

SUPER BOWL LVI Sunday, Feb. 13 at Sofi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif. Conference champions, 6:30 p.m

**PLAYOFF TOP PERFORMERS** 404: Patrick Mahomes II, KC vs. PIT 1/16 (30-39, 5 TD) **378:** Patrick Mahomes II, KC vs. BUF

1/23 (OT) (33-44, 3 TD) **366:** Matthew Stafford, LAR at TB 1/23 (28-38, 2 TD) **348:** Joe Burrow, CIN at TEN 1/22 (28-37, 0 TD) **329:** Josh Allen, BUF at KC 1/23 (OT) (27-37, 4 TD) **329:** Tom Brady, TB vs. LAR 1/23 (30-54, 1 TD) RUSHING

**96:** Elijah Miethcll, SFat DAL 1/16 (27 car., TD) 83: Josh Jacobs, OAK at CIN 1/15 (13 car, 0 TD) 81: Devin Singletary, BUF vs. NE 1/15 (16 car, 2 TD) RECEIVING 201: Gabriel Davis, BUF at KC

1/23 (OT) (8 rec., 4 TD) 183: Cooper Kupp, LAR at TB 1/23 (9 rec., 1 TD) 1/23 (91ec., 1 1b) 150: Tyreek Hill, KC vs. BUF 1/23 (OT) (11 rec., 1 TD)

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FINAL RESULTS	VOTES	(PCT.)
DH/1B David Ortiz	307	(77.9%)
OF Barry Bonds	260	(66.0%)
RHP Roger Clemens	257	(65.2%)
3B Scott Rolen	249	(63.2%)
RHP Curt Schilling	231	(58.6%)
1B/3B Todd Helton	205	(52.0%)
LHP Billy Wagner	201	(51.0%)
OF Andruw Jones	163	(41.4%)
OF Gary Sheffield	160	(40.6%)
3B/SS Álex Rodríguez	135	(34.3%)
2B/SS Jeff Kent	129	(32.7%)
OF Manny Ramírez	114	(28.9%)
SS/3B Omar Vizquel	94	(23.9%)
OF Sammy Sosa	73	(18.5%)
LHP Andy Pettitte	42	(10.7%)
SS Jimmy Rollins	37	(9.4%)
OF Bobby Abreu	34	(8.6%)
LHP Mark Buerhle	23	(5.8%)
OF Torii Hunter	21	(5.3%)
RHP Joe Nathan	17	(4.3%)
RHP Tim Hudson	12	(3.0%)
RHP Tim Lincecum	9	(2.3%)
1B/OF Ryan Howard	8	(2.0%)
1B/OF Mark Teixeira	6	(1.5%)
1B Justin Morneau	5	(1.3%)
RHP Jonathan Papelbo		(1.3%)
1B/DH Prince Fielder	2	(0.5%)
C A.J. Pierzynski	2	(0.5%)
LF Carl Crawford	0	
RHP Jake Peavy	0	

Barry Bonds	*10	162.7	2935 762	.29
Scott Rolen	5	70.1	2077 316	.28
Omar Vizquel	5	45.6	2877 80	.27
Todd Helton	4	61.8	2519 369	.31
Gary Sheffield	8	60.5	2689 509	.29
Andruw Jones	5	62.7	1933 434	.25
Jeff Kent	9	55.5	2461 377	.29
Manny Ramirez	6	69.3	2574 555	.31
Sammy Sosa	*10	58.6	2408 609	.27
Torii Hunter	2	50.7	2452 353	.27
Bobby Abreu	3	60.2	2470 288	.29
Alex Rodriguez	1st	117.5	3115 696	.29
David Ortiz	1st	55.3	2472 541	.28
Mark Teixeira	1st	50.6	1862 409	.26
Jimmy Rollins	1st	47.6	2455 231	.26
Carl Crawford	1st	39.1	1931 136	.29
Justin Morneau	1st	27.0	1603 247	.28
Prince Fielder	1st	23.8	1645 319	.28
A.J. Pierzynski	1st	23.8	2043 188	.28
Ryan Howard	1st	14.7	1475 382	.25

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PITCHERS YOB WAR W L ERASV Curt Schilling \*10 79.5 216 146 3.46 22 139.2 354 184 3.12 0 27.7 47 40 2.31422 Billy Wagner 60.2 256 153 3.85 0 59.1 214 160 3.81 0 57.9 222 133 3.49 0 Andy Pettitte Mark Buehrle Tim Hudson Jake Peavy 1st 39.2 152 126 3.63 0
Joe Nathan 1st 26.7 64 34 2.87377
Tim Lincecum 1st 19.5 110 89 3.74 1 Jon. Papelbon 1st 23.3 41 36 2.44368 Results of the Baseball Writers' Associ-ation of America ballot; YOB-year on ballot; \*-final year.

**GOLDEN DAYS ERA COMMITTEE** WAR HR SB H AVG HITTERS Gil Hodaes 370 63 921 .273 Minnie Minoso 53.8 Tony Oliva 43.0 195 216 2110 .299 220 86 1917 .304 W L ERA SO PITCHER WAR 50.5 283 237 3.45 2461 Jim Kaat

**EARLY ERA COMMITTEE** Elected ast Pioneer/Executive
Bud Fowler Buck O'Neil source: baseball-reference.com

RECENT YEARLY INDUCTEES BBWAA: Elected by the Baseball Write Association of America; TGE: Today's Game Era (1998-present) committee; VC: Elected by the Veterans Committee; NL: Elected by the Veterans Committee based on Negro League career; SCNL: Elected by the special committee on the Negro Leagues and the Pre-Negro League; PI: Elected by Pre-Integration (1871-1946) committee; G: Elected by Golden Era (1947-72) committee; E: Elected by Expansion Era (1973-present) committee; ME: Elected by Modern Era (1970-87) committee; TG: Elected by Today's Game (1988-present) committee; GD: Elected by Golden Days (1950-69) committee; EB: Elected by Early Baseball (1871-1949) committee: 2022: (BBWAA) David Ortiz. (GD) Gil Hodges, Jim Kaat, Minnie Minoso, Tony Oliva. (EB) Bud Fowler, Buck O'Neil. 2021: None elected. **2020:** (BBWAA) Derek Jeter; Larry Walker, (ME) Marvin Miller,

**2019:** (BBWAA) Mariano Rivera, Edgar Martinez, Roy Halladay, Mike Mussina. (TGF) Lee Smith Harold Baines 2018: (BBWAA) Vladimir Guerrero Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones, Jim Thome, (ME) Jack Morris, Alan Trammell. 2017: (BBWAA) Jeff Bagwell, Tim Raines, Ivan Rodriguez. (TGE) John Schuerholz, Bud Selig. **2016**: (BBWAA:)Ken Griffey Jr., W

Mike Piazza. **2015:** (BBWAA) Craig Biggio, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez, John Smoltz. 2014: (BBWAA) Tom Glavine, Greg Maddux, Frank Thomas. (E) Bobby Cox, Tony La Russa, Joe Torre.

2013: (PI) Hank O'Day, Jacob Ruppert, Deacon White. 2012: (BBWAA) Barry Larkin. (G) Ron Santo. 2011: (BBWAA) Roberto Alomar, Bert Blyleven. (E) Pat Gillick. 2010: (BBWAA) Andre Dawson. (VC) Whitey Herzog, Doug Harvey. 2009: (BBWAA) Rickey Henderson, Jim

	TBA	LL WEDNESDAY UNDERDOG
at Tennessee	9	Florida
at Michigan	7	Northwestern
at Xavier	8	Providence
Creighton	41/2	at Butler
UMass	1	at La Salle
St. Bonaventure	11/2	at George Mason
at ETSU	31/2	NC Greensboro
at The Citadel	51/2	Western Carolina
at Chattanooga	51/2	Wofford
at Charlotte	3	Old Dominion
at Furman	91/2	VMI
at North Carolina	14	Boston College
at Virginia Tech	51/2	Miami
at St. Joseph's (Pa)	5	Duquesne
Bradley	11/2	at Valparaiso
Northern Iowa	9	at Evansville
Arkansas	4	at Mississippi
at South Carolina	1	Vanderbilt
SMU	61/2	at South Florida
Abilene Christian	6	at Tex Rio Grande
Tarleton State	7	at Lamar
Drake	2	at Illinois State
at Samford	2	Mercer
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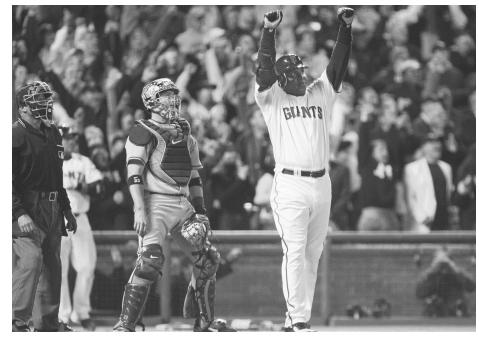
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Oklahoma Iowa State at Oklahoma St. at St. Louis 16 George Wash. at Davidson at Indiana 4½ 8½ VCU Penn State Florida State 5 5 at Georgia Tech at Notre Dame at LSU NC State Texas A&M 101/2 at Tulane Tulsa at Seattle U Sam Houston at Calif. Baptist at Washington St. San Diego State at Utah State WEDNESDAY **FAVORITE** LINE O/U UNDERDOG LA Clippers Charlotte at Indiana at Cleveland off (off) Milwaukee at Atlanta at Miami (off) (off) Sacramento off New York 4 (220) Toronto
off (off) Denver
3 (228) at San Antonio
off (off) Phoenix at Chicago at Brooklyn

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at Washington	-205	San Jose	+172
at Toronto	-288	Anaheim	+232
Calgary	-187	at Columbi	us +157
at Detroit	-125	Chicago	+104
at Colorado	-181	Boston	+152

NFL PLAYOFFS **SUNDAY** FAVORITE at Kansas City SP **O/U** 7 (54½ UNDERDOG 7 (54½) Cincinnati 3½ (46½) San Francisco at LA Rams For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/



Home run king and seven-time NL MVP Barry Bonds, above, and seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens, right, both tainted by allegations of steroids use, were rejected entry into the Baseball Hall of Fame in their 10th and final year on the writers' ballot. They will be considered again next year by the Today's Game era committee. Slugger David Oritz, below, made the Hall in his first year of eligibility. AP FILE



**BASEBALL** 

# Hall calls: Ortiz in, **Bonds, Clemens out**

Red Sox slugger gains entry in 1st year on writers' ballot

By Jake Seiner Associated Press

David Ortiz was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first turn on the ballot, while steroid-tainted stars Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens were denied entry to Cooperstown in their final year under consideration by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Ortiz, a clutch slugger and 10-time All-Star over 20 seasons mostly with the Red Sox, was named on 77.9% of ballots unveiled Tuesday night, clearing the 75% threshold needed for enshrinement. He's the fourth primary designated hitter voted into the Hall.

"It's something I really never dreamed of it," Ortiz said. "I was the type of player, I know I got the talent, but all I was looking for was the opportunity to be an everyday player."

Big Papi was among baseball's most recognizable faces through the 2000s and 2010s. His enormous grin endeared him to fans, but the Dominican's hulking frame menaced pitchers, especially in the late innings. He had 23 game-ending hits, including three during the 2004 postseason while Boston ended an 86-year World Series drought.

Ortiz batted .286 with 541 homers with the Red Sox and Twins while making 88% of his plate appearances as a designated hitter. the most by anyone in the Hall. He passes Edgar Martinez, who was a DH for 71.7% of his plate appearances. Frank Thomas and Harold Baines are the only other Hall members to DH more than half the time.

Ortiz also has PED baggage, but enough voters chose to ignore a positive test that came during survey testing in 2003 that was supposed to be anonymous. Ortiz has denied using steroids, and Commissioner Rob Manfred said in 2016 "I think it would be wrong" to exclude him from the Hall of Fame based on that lone test.



Ortiz

"I never failed a test, so what does that tell you?" Ortiz said. The three-time World

Series winner has

remained in public view

in retirement as a studio analyst for Fox Sports' postseason coverage. He was briefly sidelined in 2019 after being ambushed and shot in the Dominican Republic. His recovery required three surgeries, and doctors removed his gallbladder along with parts of his intestines

postseason four months after the shooting. Ortiz will be enshrined in Cooperstown, New York, on July 24 along with era committee selections Buck O'Neil, Minnie Minoso, Gil Hodges, Tony Oliva, Jim Kaat and Bud Fowler.

and colon. He returned to the air during the

Bonds, Clemens and Curt Schilling were all rejected in their 10th and final year on the BBWAA ballot. Bonds is the sport's career home run leader and Clemens won a record seven Cy Young Awards, but voters denied them the game's highest honor over suspicions they used steroids. Bonds got 66% of the vote, and Clemens was at 65.2%.

Schilling's support dropped off sharply after he finished 16 votes shy in 2021. Many voters chose not to back the right-hander due to hateful remarks he has made in retirement toward Muslims, transgender people, journalists and others.

Schilling asked the Hall to remove him from this year's voting, but he remained an option. He was named on 58.6% of ballots, down from 71.1% last year.

Bonds, Clemens and Schilling are done on the BBWAA ballot, but they will be considered again next year by the Today's Game era committee. The 16-person committee of Hall members, executives and veteran media members will convene next December to consider players who played between 1988-2016 who are no longer eligible for BBWAA selection.

Among other first-timers on the ballot, Alex Rodriguez and Jimmy Rollins got the most support.

### IN BRIEF

# MLB talks continue amid progress

Major League Baseball withdrew its plan for more limited salary arbitration Tuesday, a day after the union withdrew its demand for greater free agent eligibility.

In the second straight day of talks aimed at an agreement to end a lockout that started Dec. 2, clubs also accepted the union's framework to funnel additional money to pre-arbitration-eligible players from central revenue, offering a \$10 million pool based on awards and WAR. The union has asked for \$105 million for the group, usually

about 30 players annually. In addition, management increased its offer to increase the minimum salary for players with less than one year of major league service from \$600,000 to \$615,000, but with a provision teams couldn't pay more than that amount. Players have proposed a \$775,000 minimum next year, up from \$570,500.

Management also withdrew its proposal that would have delinked pensions from inflation, which under the current plan results in automatic increases.

Given the sides didn't even speak about central economic issues for six weeks before talks resumed Jan. 13, incremental progress over two days was positive as the bickering sides try to end baseball's ninth work stoppage and first since 1995.

Still, time is dwindling before the scheduled start of spring training on Feb. 16.

Opening day on March 31 will be threatened if there isn't a deal by the end of next month.

The sides agreed to continue negotiating on non-core issues while the union deliberates its next step on the bigger economic components.

Colleges: Oklahoma State wrestler A.J. Ferrari and runner Isai Rodriguez were in fair condition after their car overturned following a collision Monday night. Rodriguez was transported by helicopter to a hospital, according to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Ferrari tried to pass three cars while cresting a hill in a no-passing zone at about 8 p.m. Monday, according to the state patrol. They were returning to Stillwater following an appearance at a youth wrestling practice in nearby Cushing. Ferrari's car collided with another vehicle, left the road, rolled and landed in a ditch. The 20-year-old Ferrari, the NCAA champion in the 197-pound weight class last year, was airlifted to the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City with head and leg injuries. The 23-year-old Rodriguez was taken to Stillwater Medical Center with arm, leg and head injuries. The other driver, 56-yearold Valenda McKee of Ripley, Oklahoma, wasn't injured, according to the police report. ... The Colonial Athletic Association announced Tuesday that Hampton, Monmouth and Stony Brook have accepted invitations to the CAA and will officially join the league later this year.

**NHL:** In the Flyers' road game against the Islanders, defenseman Keith Yandle broke the league record by playing in his 965th consecutive game. Yandle, 35, passed the old mark set by Doug Jarvis, who played 964 straight games over his entire career from Oct. 8, 1975, to Oct. 10, 1987. Yandle started his streak March 26, 2009, with the Coyotes, and he has played 1,075 games overall with the Coyotes, Rangers, Panthers and Flyers.

... Sharks defenseman Erik Karlsson is expected to miss at least two months with an injury to his left forearm.



UConn signee Isuneh "Ice" Brady, far right, was in the crowd to watch the UConn Huskies play Xavier on Jan. 15 at the XL Center. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

**UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** 

# Recruits representing

2022 signees Ayanna Patterson, Isuneh 'Ice' Brady named McDonald's All-Americans

By Alexa Philippou Hartford Courant

UConn women's basketball's class of 2022 signees Ayanna Patterson and Isuneh "Ice" Brady have been named McDonald's All-Americans, the organization announced Tuesday.

Patterson, from Fort Wayne, Ind., is representing the East, and Brady, a San Diego native, is playing for Team West. They will convene with 22 other players for the annual McDonald's All-American Game on March 29 at Chicago's Wintrust Arena. The 2020 and 2021 games were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Patterson, a 6-foot-2 wing, and Brady, a 6-3 post, are ranked No. 4 and No. 5, respectively, in espnW's recruit rankings. Twenty-four of the top 29 in the espnW 100 were named McDon-

ald's All-Americans. UConn is one of seven teams, along with Arizona, South Carolina, Oregon, Oregon State, Stanford and UCLA, that boasts multiple honorees in this year's class.

Not including Patterson and Brady, UConn has had 38 players tabbed McDonald's All-Americans, including eight members of its current roster: Olivia Nelson-Ododa, Christyn Williams, Evina Westbrook (then a Tennessee signee), Aubrey Griffin, Paige Bueckers, Azzi Fudd, Caroline Ducharme and Amari DeBerry.

### EAST

Janiah Barker (Georgia)
Paris Clark (Arizona)
Talaysia Cooper (South Carolina)
Chance Gray (Oregon)
Ta'Niya Latson (Florida State)
Indya Nivar (Stanford)

Kyla Oldacre (Miami) Kiki Rice (UCLA)

Justine Pissott (Tennessee) Grace VanSlooten (Oregon) Ashlyn Watkins (South Carolina) **WEST** 

Ayanna Patterson (Connecticut)

Raegan Beers (Oregon State)
Lauren Betts (Stanford)
Isuneh Brady (Connecticut)
KK Bransford (Notre Dame)
Timea Gardiner (Oregon State)
Ashlon Jackson (Duke)
Gabriela Jaquez (UCLA)
Flau'jae Johnson (LSU)
Darianna Littlepage-Buggs (Baylor)
Maya Nnaji (Arizona)
Aaliyah Gayles (USC)
Ruby Whitehorn (Clemson)

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### **UConn**

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year, the 6-foot-I post is averaging 20.3 points and 12.5 rebounds, and her 15 double-doubles are tied for the most in Division I.

"She's made a huge difference on her team," Auriemma said. "She plays hard, She's tough. She's physical, she scores, she rebounds. They're a very, very good team. And they're a veteran team. So you bring someone like that to a veteran team, and it was exactly what they needed. We're going to have our hands full with her. I'm hopeful that that combination of Liv [Olivia Nelson-Ododa], Dorka [Juhász], and Aaliyah [Edwards] can have some success."

DePaul's losses have been to Texas A&M (95-75), Arizona (75-68), Notre Dame (91-86) and Marquette (88-85, OT), while its better wins have been against Northwestern (78-75), Kentucky (94-85) and Villanova (75-63).

Here's what else you need to know about the matchup:

### The basics

Site: Wintrust Arena
Time: 8 p.m.
Series: UConn leads, 19-1
Last meeting: No. 3 UConn 100, No. 17
DePaul 62, Jan. 31, 2021, in Chicago
TV: SNY (Meghan Culmo, Allen
Bestwick, Maria Marino)
Stream: In-market SNY viewers with
access to the network can watch
via the NBC Sports app: stream.
nbcsports.com/rsn/sny. Out-ofmarket viewers can watch on the Fox
Sports App or atfoxsports.com/ as well
as on the FOX Now app or atfox.com/
sports. The games might not appear

on those sites until right around tipoff. **Radio:** UConn IMG Sports Network on 97.9 ESPN (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske)

# DePaul's probable starters, sixth man:

Aneesah Morrow, F, 6-1, Fr.; Deja Church, G, 5-10, Gr.; Lexi Held, G, 5-10, Sr.; Sonya Morris, G, 5-10, Sr.; Darrione Rogers, G, 5-11, So.; Kierra Collier, G, 5-6, Jr.

# UConn probable starters, sixth man:

Olivia Nelson-Ododa, F, 6-5, Sr.; Dorka Juhász, F, 6-5, Gr.; Evina Westbrook, G, 6-0, R-Sr.; Nika Mühl, G, 5-10, So.; Caroline Ducharme, G, 6-2, Fr.; Aaliyah Edwards, F, 6-3, So.

### The matchup

UConn's offense: Ducharme is coming off her fourth 20-point game of her young career, one where she was the Huskies' go-to scorer when they needed a bucket in the fourth with St. John's closing in. She finished with a career-high 28 points and is now averaging approximately 17 per game for the Paige Bueckers-less Huskies. Nelson-Ododa has made an impact all over the court, including last game with her facilitating (10 assists). Juhász and Westbrook, meanwhile, have put together back-to-back double-figure outings.

**UConn's defense:** It's been strong with just three teams (Arkansas, South Carolina and Oregon) scoring more than 70 points against them. Teams are shooting 36.6% (28.5% on 3s) against the Huskies and the rebounding has also improved since

the beginning of the season. **DePaul's offense:** The Blue Demons score 92.1 points per game, the best in Division I thanks in part to a fast-paced style of play and knack for getting out into transition. Morrow leads the team in scoring at 20.3 points per game and shoots 58.6%. Morris, Held and Church average between 13 and 18 points per game apiece, and the team can get hot from 3. DePaul is also excellent on the offensive glass, collecting 39.8% of its misses per Her Hoop Stats.

**DePaul's defense:** DePaul's defense allows 75.9 points per game, one of the most in Division I, with opponents shooting 51.0% from inside the arc, one of the nation's worst percentages. The Blue Demons' press helps them collect 10.6 steals per game (and force 20.5 turnovers on average).

**UConn keys:** Transition defense. Rebound on both ends. Don't let DePaul dictate pace. Limit turnovers and self-inflicted errors. Need offensive

contributions from everyone. **Players to watch:** How much, if at all, will Williams be able to contribute?

How successful will UConn's posts be in slowing down Morrow?

About DePaul's coach: Doug Bruno led the Blue Demons to 17 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, a feat matched only by Connecticut, Stanford and Tennessee, between 2003-2019. Bruno was announced as a finalist for induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame this past week. DePaul's mascot: Demon In a Blue Suit (DIBS)

**Famous alumni:** 2021 WNBA champion Allie Quigley, sports broadcaster Sarah Kustok, actress Monique Coleman

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

# SMSA hangs on, beats Ellington to stay unbeaten

**By Lori Riley** Hartford Courant

ELLINGTON — The SMSA boys basketball team was struggling in the third quarter against Ellington Tuesday night.

The undefeated Tigers had led by 10 at halftime and appeared to be cruising to a win at the start of the third quarter. But Ellington fought back and took the lead with 2:50 left in the third.

The game was close but in the end the Tigers prevailed to win their 10th straight, 66-60 in an NCCC game.

Junior Daniel Hernandez led SMSA with 18 points, including eight in the fourth quarter when the Tigers pulled away. King Shaw added 15 points for SMSA and Abijah Miller and Kemani Thompson had 13 each. Junior Cody Murphy led Ellington (7-4) with 27 points, including 13 in the third quarter.

"Ellington is always well-coached, well-prepared," SMSA coach Erik McKay said. "It's tough to play in their place, it's a tough environment. Those kids played a great second half.

"We could have made some better decisions and executed a little better, especially in the second half."

SMSA led 34-24 at halftime and Kemani Thompson drove to the basket to start the third quarter to put the Tigers up by 12 points. But that's when Ellington came alive. Murphy hit a long jumper, which began a 15-2 Purple Knight run. Murphy's 3-pointer with 2:50 left in the third gave the Knights their first lead of the game, 39-38.

"We dug ourselves a little bit of a hole in the first half, which I think takes a toll on us," Ellington coach Bob Freitas said. "The first half, we missed some open shots.

"That's a real good team. We competed. We played well. That's all I can ask." SMSA rallied, ending the

SMSA rallied, ending the quarter with a 47-43 lead. In the fourth, Hernandez converted two fast break layups and the Tigers were in control again. Nizayiah Bogar's 3-pointer with 3 minutes to go put SMSA up 62-52.

"In the fourth quarter, we just started getting back to our basics, what it is we wanted to do, executing the game plan, looking to share the basketball, spread it a little bit, spread the floor," McKay said. "We had some great plays with and-ones, got some loose balls, got out in the fast break and got some easy layups, easy finishes, easy looks. Daniel hit some shots. Naziayah had that huge 3 on the wing in the fourth quarter.

"Just carrying some of that momentum — it was negative in the third quarter a little bit, we were struggling, to be able to turn it around going into the fourth quarter was critical for us."

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### **GIANTS**

# Daboll's background on offense could be huge selling point

By Tom Rock Newsday

NEW YORK — Brian Daboll has an advantage no other apparent finalist for Giants head coach brings to the interview process.

No, not his long and close working relationship with new general manager Joe Schoen from their time together in Buffalo. Though that certainly helps.

No, not his time on a staff that went to the postseason in four of the past five years and won back-to-back division titles. But again, that doesn't hurt.

What really sets Daboll apart from the competition is that he is the only candidate with an offensive background who the Giants seem to be considering. For a team that managed to score just over two touchdowns a game this past season (15.2 points) and hasn't averaged more than 24 points per game since 2015, the biggest problem the franchise faces is figuring out a way to get to the end zone with more regularity.

Daboll is the only current option for the Giants who has proved himself capable of getting that part of the job done. He had a second interview with the Giants on Tuesday, meeting with Schoen and ownership at the team facility in East

Rutherford, New Jersey. He had met with the Giants on a video conference on Friday just hours after Schoen was named to his new position.

Every other person the Giants have interviewed or are known to be interviewing for the job comes from a defensive background. That includes Dan Quinn, who met with the Giants in person on Monday; Patrick Graham, who is scheduled to meet with them on Wednesday afternoon; and Brian Flores, who is on the Thursday dance card. They have varying levels of experience (Quinn and Flores have both been head coaches) and knowledge of the organization (Graham, still under contract as the defensive coordinator, is a popular assistant coach who has been with the team the past two years) that top Daboll. But each would have to bring someone else in with them to fix the anemic offense.

Schoen's day: The Giants will introduce Schoen at a news conference at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday. It will be Schoen's first public appearance since taking the general manager job on Friday. ... Ryan Poles, a finalist for the Giants' GM job, was hired by the Bears as their general manager on Tuesday. Poles was the executive director of player personnel for Kansas City.



# Safety Tip of the Day

Children should be supervised at all times while in the kitchen.

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# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

#### **SHORTS**

### Agbaji's career game lifts Jayhawks



Senior guard Ochai Agbaji scored a career-high 37 points to help No. 5 Kansas avenge its only conference loss of the season with a 94-91 double overtime win over No. 13 Texas Tech on Monday night. Agbaji outdueled Bryson Williams, who poured in 33 points for Tech. Agbaji, the reigning

co-Big 12 player of the week, had seven of Kansas' eight made 3-pointers. He had 24 points in the second half and two overtimes. Agbaji hit a guarded 3 near the end of the first OT to send the game to another period. An exhausted Kansas coach Bill Self had nothing but praise for his star. "It was a great win," he said after the game. "We played a terrific team that played terrific. We didn't play great, but we played good. We had one guy go off. I think we can play better, but I don't know if an individual can play better. I told him that I don't ever remember us having a player play better than that." When asked if this was the best game of his career, Agbaji simply said, "Yes, it had to have been." Christian Braun added 15 points for the host Jayhawks (17-2, 6-1). Texas Tech fell to 15-3, 5-3.

### Payton steps down as Saints coach



Saints coach Sean Payton, whose long tenure with the club included its only Super Bowl championship and also a one-season suspension stemming from the NFL's bounty investigation, is leaving coaching. The 58-year-old Payton announced on Tuesday that he's stepping down from his first and only NFL head coaching job with a 152-89 regular-season

record — and nine playoff appearances — in 15 seasons. The Saints won the NFL title in 2009. "I don't like the word retirement," he said. "I still have a vision for doing things in football. And I'll be honest with you, that might be coaching again. I don't think it's this year, I think maybe in the future." The Saints narrowly missed the playoffs this season, going 9-8 in their first campaign since the retirement of Drew Brees. Payton missed the 2012 season when the NFL suspended him, assistant coach Joe Vitt, GM Mickey Loomis and four players after an investigation found the Saints had a performance pool offering cash rewards for key plays, including big hits. The player suspensions eventually were overturned.

### Sorenstam eyeing U.S. Open return



After 13 years in retirement, Hall of Fame golfer Annika Sorenstam returned to competition last year. She made the cut in the Gainbridge LPGA, playing only because it was her home course of Lake Nona in Orlando, Florida. And then she won the U.S. Senior Women's Open. That victory earned

her a spot in the U.S. Women's Open this year, which is being played at Pine Needles Lodge in North Carolina. That's where she won her second straight Women's Open in 1996, an eight-shot victory. Will she play? Sorenstam called it a "big possibility." "Obviously, I'm flattered about that and it's Pine Needles, good memories with Peggy Kirk Bell. She won't be there this time around, but the place has a fond place in my heart," Sorenstam said last week. "But it's hard to go out there and play against these young players, so if I can just go out there and have a good time and not be so competitive ... which is my biggest issue. I am so competitive, even though I don't play as much." She said the objective would be to "go out there and relax and swing and see what happens." -Associated Press

Rafael Nadal serves during his quarterfinal win over Denis Shapovalov at the Australian Open on Tuesday. ANDY BROWNBILL/AP

### **AUSTRALIAN OPEN**

# 'Little bit of a miracle'

Nadal recovers, pulls out 5-set quarterfinal victory

By John Pye Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - With another Australian Open semifinal spot secured after a four-hour, five-set victory, Rafael Nadal looked toward his support team in Rod Laver Arena and nodded his head.

It was like he was just confirming the plan: Five wins down, two to go in his bid for a men's record 21st major

On the other side of the net, 14th-seeded Denis Shapovalov broke his racket on the hard blue court after a frustrating 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6, 6-3 loss to Nadal, who later acknowledged he felt "destroyed" physically on a hot Tuesday afternoon.

There were plenty of momentum-shifting moments, including Nadal needing attention for a stomach ailment in the third and fourth sets after dominating the first two.

Shapovalov openly complained to chair umpire Carlos Bernardes during the quarterfinal match about Nadal getting longer breaks than players usually are entitled to, and taking too long between points.

He took a few shots at Nadal in his post-match news conference, too, saying he's "100%" convinced the 35-year-old Spaniard receives special treatment.

At a tournament where he's clinched the title only once (2009) and had lost seven of his previous 13 quarterfinals by far his worst conversion rate at

any of the four major tournaments -Nadal looked vulnerable in the third and fourth sets.

But following a seven-minute break — when Nadal left the court and went to the locker room — between the last point of the fourth set and his first serve in the fifth, he recovered sufficiently to save a break point with an ace, hold serve and then break Shapovalov for a 2-0 lead.

"I don't know, was a little bit of a miracle," Nadal said of his revival. "I was destroyed honestly physically. But my serve worked well, and for me, every game that I was winning with my serve was a victory, no?"

He rejected any assertion that he gets any special treatment from umpires or referees, and added that Shapovalov was young and said he would get over it.

Nadal shares the men's record of 20 major singles titles with Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic, and he's got an inside run with the absence of his longtime rivals at Melbourne Park.

Nadal will get two days off before Friday's semifinal match against Matteo Berrettini.

The Wimbledon runner-up, who became the first Italian man to reach the Australian Open semifinals, held on to beat No. 17 Gael Monfils 6-4, 6-4, 3-6.3-6.6-2.

The women's quarterfinals were both over in straight sets, with 2017 U.S. Open runner-up Madison Keys beating French Open champion Barbora Krejcikova 6-3, 6-2 in the Day 9 opener on Rod Laver Arena and top-ranked Ash Barty advancing with a 6-2, 6-0 win over No. 21 Jessica Pegula.

### At a glance

### LOOKAHEAD TO WEDNESDAY:

It's the second day of quarterfinals and second-seeded Daniil Medvedev is expecting one of the toughest challenges yet in his bid to win a second consecutive Grand Slam singles title when he plays 21-year-old Felix Auger-Aliassime. They've played twice recently — in the U.S. Open semifinals and in the ATP Cup this year, and the Russian player has won both matches. Medvedev took time to compliment both himself and the Canadian: "It means that we are doing pretty good job, I think, in our careers ... it's later stages of the biggest tournaments in the world. ... He's a phenomenal player." Fourth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas will play Jannik Sinner in the other men's quarterfinal. In the women's quarters, Alize Cornet plays 2019 Australian Open semifinalist Danielle Collins in the opening match on Rod Laver Arena. In the other quarterfinal, 2020 French Open champion Iga Swiatek takes on Kai Kanepi.

### **MONDAY'S RESULTS**

Women's quarterfinals: No. 1 Ash Barty beat No. 21 Jessica Pegula 6-2, 6-0; Madison Keys beat No. 4 Barbora Krejcikova 6-3, 6-2.

Men's quarterfinals: No. 6 Rafael Nadal beat No. 14 Denis Shapovalov 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6, 6-3; No. 7 Matteo Berrettini beat No. 17 Gael Monfils 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 3-6, 6-2.

### **THE NUMBER**

11 - Match wins by Madison Keys in January, matching her total from all of 2021.

#### WINTER OLYMPICS PREVIEWS

# Cross-country skiing, biathlon

### **Cross-country skiing**

When **Jessie Diggins** and **Kikkan Randall** won the United States' first Olympic gold medal in cross-county skiing in 2018, they turned a page and brought their country to the line next to the Nordic powerhouses of Norway, Russia, Sweden and Finland.

Diggins' subsequent success has proved that their success wasn't a fluke. She was the World Cup overall champion in 2021, while teammate Rosie Brennan was fourth. Randall has since

retired. Diggins and Brennan along with a revamped U.S. team head to the Beijing Games in February with a list of podium finishes and hopes for more medals.

Norway's Marit Bjør**gen**, who won five medals in Pyeongchang and a total of 15 in her career for more than any other Winter Olympian, retired after the 2018 Games. Her former teammate, Therese Johaug, has won three



Jessie Diggins celebrates after winning a 10-km race Dec. 31 in Oberstdorf, Germany. APFILE

Olympic medals and is set to add to that tally. Heidi Weng, also from Norway, will surely be in the mix.

Sweden's top medal winner in 2018, **Stina Nilsson**, has switched to biathlon, but the team has dominated on the World Cup circuit this season. **Maja Dahlquist** has been hard to beat in the sprint races while **Ebba Andersson** and **Frida Karlsson** have collected medals in the distance

Russia's **Natalia Nepryaeva** is showing strong form after taking the gold in the six-stage FIS Tour de Ski, which started in Switzerland, moved to Germany and concluded Jan. 4 with a climb up an alpine ski slope in Italy.

Finland's sister and brother team of **Kerttu** and **Iivo** Niskanen, along with Krista Pärmäkoski, have shown that they're among the best classic skiers in the world.

### RISING STAR SHINES

Norway's Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo was a rising star when he won three gold medals in Pyeongchang. He has dominated the World Cup this season and will be back to defend his Olympic titles. Klaebo's teammates, Erik Valnes and Pål Golberg, will likely be in the mix. Klaebo's longtime rival, **Alexander Bolshunov** of Russia, who brought home two silver medals and a bronze in 2018, was right behind Klaebo in the overall World Cup standings in early January and will no doubt strive for gold in China. The Russian Federation team runs deep with talent, seven of their skiers sat in the top 15 in the World Cup standings in early January. Fourth in those standings was Niskanen of Finland, who won gold in the 50-kilometer classic ski race in Pveongchang and finished the Tour de Ski in third place. Others to watch, especially in sprint races are France's Richard Jouve and Italy's Federico Pellegrino.

### Biathlon

A flurry of retirements since the 2018 Games left only a few athletes who will defend their Olympic biathlon titles, and the battle for gold will include a host of talented racers who have shown promise all season.

**Hanna Öberg** of Sweden took gold in the women's 15-kilometer individual in Pyeongchang, while Norway's **Johannes Thingnes Boe** won the men's race, and both have stood on the podium during the World Cup circuit this season. But all other 2018 gold-medal winners — Martin Fourcade of France, Laura Dahlmeier and Arnd Peiffer of Germany, and Slovakia's Anastasiya Kuzmina – have moved on.

Boe won the overall World Cup in 2020 and again in 2021, but he has yet to find his top form this season and was sitting seventh in the standings by early January.

Anything could happen with a dozen races before everyone heads to China later this month, but Norway promises to be the team to beat on both the women's and men's side.

### **PLOT TWISTS**

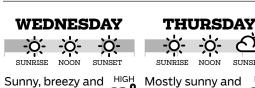
No one nation has dominated the 2021-22 World Cup biathlon season, but several have consistently secured podium spots. On the women's side, Norway, Sweden, Belarus and France have taken turns at the medals, and Marte Olsbu Røiseland of Norway is on fire this season, leading the World Cup standings. She won silver in Pyeongchang and is seeking gold this time. Røiseland's teammate, Tiril Eckhoff, won bronze in 2018 and was last year's overall World Cup winner. But, she has had a slow start to the 2021-22 season. The next races will reveal her form.

### **NORWAY STILL STRONG**

While Boe works to find his fitness this season, his teammates have shown Norway's strength and depth. Boe's older brother, **Tarjei**, along with **Vetle Sjaastad** Christiansen and Sturla Holm Laegreid, have secured medals in most World Cup races this season, including the team relay gold.

— Associated Press

### WEATHER



Sunny, breezy and cold. Northwest wind at 10 to 15

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Mostly cloudy, chance for afternoon light snow.

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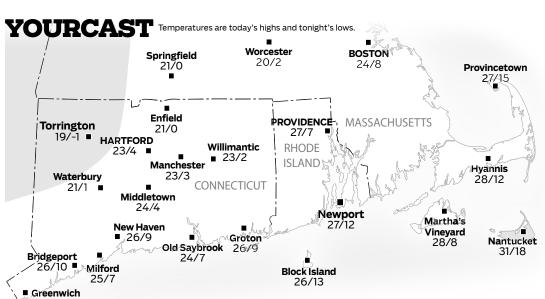
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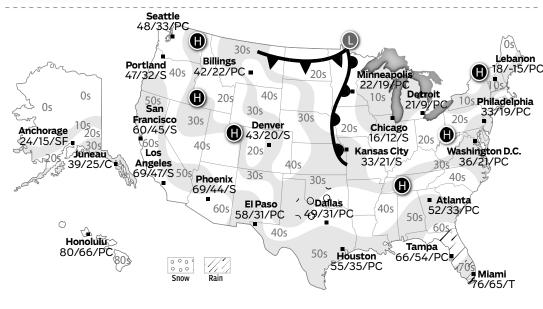
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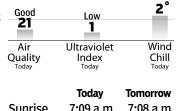
High pressure will bring sunshine, breezy and cold conditions on Wednesday with high temperatures in the teens and 20s. A northwest wind at 10 to 15 mph will make it feel more like the single digits and teens. Sunshine will continue on Thursday. It will be remaining cold, but the wind will be lighter. A weak front could cause light snow on Friday, especially in the afternoon, but the concern is for development off the eastern seaboard Friday night. Snow is likely and depending on the track it could range from a moderate storm to the most impactful storm in a few years. -Gary Lessor

#### **ALMANAC**

Precipitation In Inches	Total	Norma
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.03	0.10
Month to date	1.62	2.68
Total this year	1.62	2.68
Snowfall In Inches		

Yesterday (by 4 p.m.) 0.8 0.5 Total this year 11.5 23.4 Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

### Air Quality Forecast For Today



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Sunrise	7:09 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	4:57 p.m.	4:59 p.m.
Moonrise	1:19 a.m.	2:35 a.m.
Moonset	11:37 a.m.	12:14 p.m.

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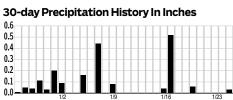
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Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	41 at 2:09 p.m	25 at 6:54 a.m
Normal for date	35	18
Record for date	58 in 1938	-4 in 1945
A year ago	37	14
Range this year	52	0

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**Heating Degree Days** 

For July 1 - Jan 25

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**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

STAFFORD 43, EAST WINDSOR 36

INNOVATION 67. PARISH HILL 59

INNOVATION (3-6): Yonathan Ramos 2-1-5, Jamal

CLASSICAL (7-2): Shermar Clarke 2-0-4, Ionathan Tulier 1-0-2, Justin Benitez 1-3-5, Jah Shaw 1-0-2, Dwight Biggs 5-0-10, Na'Zier Williams 5-2-13, Isaiah

MLC (1-6): Alec Lorenzo 3-1-9, Trey Moses 1-3-5, Jarell Deer 2-0-4, Zamar Gibson 2-1-5, Alex Grice

3-0-8, Martvin Luzon 1-1-3, Ron Baapogmah 2-0-4.

NORTHWESTERN (7-4): Fred Camp 4-4-13, Trevor

Totals 21-13-57.
CANTON (6-5): Khalil Thomas 1-2-4, Juan Alicea

1-0-2, Brandon Powell 5-6-16, Matthew Benedetti 7-0-14, Isaiah Reece 4-5-15, Luke Maher 5-2-13.

ENFIELD (11-1): Alyssa Hosig 1-0-3, Rylee Saunders 1-0-2, Alyssa Rossignol 9-8-26, Amyah Rosado 5-1-11, Megan Marcotte 2-0-4. Totals 18-9-46.

Kiatyanna Denmark 4-0-10, Xandra Silva 3-0-8, Layla

Mejia 4-0-10, Tiajah Cooper 1-2-4, Jamily Carter

EAST GRANBY (1-7): Megan Benner 1-0-2, Morgan Egan 2-3-7, Sarah Springer 1-2-4, Ava Walsh 1-0-2,

Ava Guver 4-3-12, Sarah Phillips 1-0-2, Julia Walsh

SOMERS 67, AEROSPACE 40 SOMERS (8-2): Shea Cassidy 10-3-23, Deidre Dales-

AEROSPACE (6-5): Julia McLean 6-3-15, Faith Mitchell 3-3-10, Ashanti McLean 4-3-13, Justice Kitchens

sio 2-0-4. Devon Dalessio 1-2-4. Sydney Cassidy 2-0-6, Alexa Damboragian 1-0-2, Eliana Wood 5-5-15, Taylor Illuzzi 4-0-11, Erin Donahue 1-0-2. Totals

10 12 9 8 - 39 9 20 7 15 - 51

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7-4-20, Taylor Hayes 1-0-2. Totals 18-12-51.

NEW BRITAIN (4-6): Adrianna Faienza 1-3-6.

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Kulaib 5-2-15, Amir Bolden 2-2-6, Warlin Franco

1-0-3, Lebron White 2-0-5, Amari Cruz 11-0-24,

Javden Newell-Kemp 3-3-9, Totals 26-8-67. PARISH HILL (0-11): Tony Tatulli 2-0-6, Mike Monroe 5-3-16, Brandon DeGrasse 4-3-11, Cam Bill 6-1-15,

Parker Richard 2-6-11. Totals 19-13-59.

CLASSICAL 58, MLC 36

Totals 14-6-38.

Totals 23-15-64.

Others

Waring 8-4-20, Totals 23-9-56.

CANTON 64. NORTHWESTERN 57

GIRLS BASKETBALL

**ENFIELD 46, NEW BRITAIN 45** 

2-3-7. Totals 15-8-45.

3-0-6. Totals 17-4-39.

1-0-2. Totals 14-9-40.

BOYS SWIMMING

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

CHESHIRE 78, H-K/MORGAN/VALLEY 64 Note: Alexander Feng won the 100 and 200 free for

CONARD 128.15, WETHERSFIELD 115.25

**TUESDAY'S HIGH** 

**BRISTOL CENTRAL 91, ENFIELD 63** 

**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

CONARD 51, HALL 40

CCC-West

**SCHOOL RESULTS** 

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33 7 S KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms ENFIELD (3-8): Kaden Birkett 4-0-8, Josiah Whaley 2-0-5, Fritz-Carly Andre 2-5-9, Isaiah Plummer 4-0-11. Joel Schmidt 1-0-3. Josiah Upson 0-1-1. Justin Paoletta 2-0-5, Alex Herron 4-0-8, Tighe Thebor 3-2-11, Jason Mahon 0-2-2. Totals 22-10-63. BRISTOL CENTRAL (11-0): Victor Rosa 3-0-6. Mike Allen 1-0-2, Damion Glasper 5-6-18, Tre Blair 1-2-4, Steve Alseph 5-2-13, Mason Stokes 2-0-4, Harry

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2-2-6, Donovan Clingan 11-2-25, Julius Powell 1-0-2, Jayeson VanBeveren 2-0-5. totals 36-14-91. 6 18 18 21 - 63 25 22 28 16 - 91

Ross 1-0-2, Jelani Walton 2-0-4, Carson Rivoira

### **GRANBY 71. ROCKVILLE 49**

ROCKVILLE (5-7): Juniel Powell 3-0-8, Weston LaBrecque 6-0-13, Jayden Tate 4-3-11, Cameron Washington 1-0-2, Dylan Resendes 4-1-10, John Ryan 2-1-5. Totals 20-5-49. GRANBY (8-2): Josh Brown 6-3-16, Justin Phillips

8-2-21, Ralph Rossi 3-2-8, Liam Heinze 5-1-12, Andrew Guilliano 3-0-6, Max Jansen 3-0-6, Jack Steele 1-0-2. Totals 29-8-71.

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COVENTRY 47, SUFFIELD 43 SOMERS 60, EAST WINDSOR 57 **BOLTON 68, HMTCA 56** CANTON 49, WINDSOR LOCKS 47 STAFFORD 54, EAST GRANBY 43

#### Grantmever 2-0-4, Jacob Janco 4-7-15, Mason Bradley 1-0-2, Devon DiVita 9-2-21, Ian Thompson 1-0-2.

HALE-RAY 57, VALLEY REGIONAL 47 VALLEY REGIONAL (5-7): DiAngelo Jean-Pierre 6-0-13, Andrew Yermenson 2-3-8, Sam Hutchinson 2-0-4, James Marsden 5-1-16, Brayden Shea 3-0-6.

HALE-RAY (10-2): Loudon Chupas 4-3-11, Mamush Ciccarello 4-7-17, Miles Gagne 4-2-13, Nate Matetich 6-3-16. Totals 18-15-57.

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MORGAN 70, WESTBROOK 50

CROMWELL 62, OLD LYME 48 PORTLAND 62, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 56

VINAL TECH 41, BULLARD-HAVENS 37 CHENEY TECH 87, WINDHAM TECH 60

XAVIER 34. GUILFORD 32

13 4 13 16 - 46 8 12 17 8 - 45 **BACON ACADEMY 41, FITCH 36** 

FITCH (2-8): Kevin Santville 4-0-10, Yaniel Hernandez 1-0-2, Colin Anderson 5-1-15, Van Spraill 1-0-2, **EAST GRANBY 51. EAST WINDSOR 39** EAST WINDSOR (3-6): Zoe Pepin 3-1-7, Bailey Winner 8-2-18, Sam Corrado 3-1-8, Katie Blume Jacob Francis 2-0-4, Eliiah Shelton 0-3-3, Totals

13-4-36. BACON ACADEMY (7-5): Sam Blumberger 2-0-4, Nate Harasimowitz 1-0-2, Rvan Claffev 2-6-10, Luke Grimord 4-4-14, Elijah Black 2-1-7, Quinn Johnson 2-0-4. Totals 13-11-41.

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CROSBY 69, ST. PAUL 56

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** 

CCC-South **MALONEY 50, PLATT 24** 

CCC-West

CONARD 36, HALL 26 HALL (2-6): Talia Sortman 1-0-2, Rylan Priest 1-0-2, Mackenzie Mandyck 2-0-4, Julia Zydanowicz 3-0-6, Abigail Magendantz 5-2-12. Totals 12-2-26. CONARD (6-6): Callie Cosgrove 5-4-15, Emily Knowles 2-0-4, Tatiana Harrison 3-0-6, Courtney

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**FARMINGTON 50, AVON 42 (OT)** 

NEWINGTON 74, EAST CATHOLIC 25 EAST CATHOLIC (0-13): Alexis Jablonecki 2-0-5, Brianna Bak 3-4-10, Nicole May 1-0-2, Shea Boyle 0-2-2, Jada Blocker 2-0-4, Jade Colon 1-0-2. Totals

NEWINGTON (13-0): Lily Ferguson 5-0-11, Adriana Romano 2-0-4, Arianna Barnes 3-0-6, Emma Vumback 1-0-2, Selah Prignano 3-3-9, Bela Cucuta 5-0-13, Brianna Gadarowski 3-0-7, Ella DePase 4-0-8, Marlie Zocco 1-0-2, Kendall Miller 4-1-12. Totals 31-4-74.

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Note: Romano and Miller each had 7 rebounds and Ferguson had 6 assists. MANCHESTER 60. BLOOMFIELD 24 BLOOMFIELD (2-7): Nyasia Dogans 5-0-11, Tanae Spears 1-0-2, Kyeiah Smith 1-0-2, Taylor Jackson

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3-0-7, Amya Moore 1-0-2. Totals 11-0-24, Worrell 1-2-5, Sarah Hesford 2-2-7, Kyla Haataja 0-1-1, Tiara Tyson 9-1-19, Mia Gilbert 1-0-2, Elise Ryan 3-0-7, Olivia Westfort 2-4-8, Alayshia Bell 1-0-2. Totals 23-10-60.

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4 4 6 10 - 24 16 17 13 14 - 60 E.O. SMITH 46, GLASTONBURY 35

GLASTONBURY (5-6): Alyssa Healey 2-0-4, Kiley Fenway 1-0-3, Madison Handrahan 4-1-12, Gisel Astiasaran 1-2-4, Sydney Kehl 4-2-12. Totals 12-5-35. RSUASHATI (10-3): Olivia Verboven 1-0-3, Paige Raynor 1-0-3, Kate McAvoy 3-0-8, Claire Greene 1-2-4, Lilli Clark 2-2-6, Maddie Hhughes 6-0-14, Bella Mallory 2-4-8. Totals 16-8-46.

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MIDDI FTOWN 54. SIMSRURY 49 SIMSBURY (11-2): Lauren Sabia 10-8-33, Katie Perlitz 1-0-2, Olivia Jarvis 1-2-4, Faye Kaplinski 4-0-8, Amanda Gallagher 1-0-2, Totals 17-10-49. MIDDLETOWN (10-2): Shalyn Smith 5-2-13, Jada Bryant 2-1-5, Alexa DeSena 3-2-8, Tyah Pettaway

8-6-22, Shadae Bushay 3-0-6. Totals 21-11-54. 9 14 9 17 - 49 11 5 20 18 - 54

NCCC STAFFORD 49, EAST GRANBY 32 EAST GRANBY (1-8): Melina Betts 1-0-3, Sarah Springer 0-1-1, Ava Walsh 0-2-2, Julia Walsh 7-1-17, Chloe Repose 1-0-2, Totals 12-4-32, STAFFORD (8-2): Jordan Huntley 1-0-2, Raina Caro 3-0-6, Camden Smith 1-2-4, Andrea Moulton 3-0-6,

Jaelyn Moulton 6-0-14, Drea Oswell 7-3-17. Totals

9 2 9 12 - 32 9 19 8 13 - 49 EG

Note: Smith had 14 rebounds, A. Moulton had 8 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 blocks and J. Moulton had 7

**BOLTON 51. HMTCA 13** HMTCA (2-9): Nyasia Pitts 2-0-5, Deysha Rivera

2-0-6, Destini Jones 0-0-0, Ariana Espinosa 0-0-0, Jazlyn Vega 1-0-2. Totals 5-0-13. BOLTON (6-2): Emma Diehl 1-0-2, Niya Islam

2-0-6, Isabel Kenney 2-0-4, Emily DeNunzio 5-0-10, Makenna Graves 5-2-12, Julia Gravel 2-0-4, Riley Graves 1-0-3, Allie Buonomano 2-0-4, Julia Zimmerman 2-2-6. Totals 22-4-51.

0 10 0 3 - 13 19 9 14 9 - 51 Note: Graves had a double-double with 11 rebounds, 4 assists, Zimmerman had 11 rebounds and DeNunzio had 8 rebounds.

WINDSOR LOCKS 41, CANTON 33 CANTON (3-7): Sophia Mates 4-1-9, Gabby Del Santo 1-0-3, Jenna Cuniowski 5-0-10, Ashelyn Cebellero 0-0-0, Avery Brown 4-0-11. Totals 14-1-33. WINDSOR LOCKS (): Alana Picard 1-6-8, Carly MacDougald 4-2-12, Maeve McGinnis 1-0-3, Tristin Oberg 2-0-4, Jasmine Hurdle 3-4-12. Totals 12-12-41.

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ELLINGTON 65, SMSA 7

**GRANBY 53, ROCKVILLE 25** 

Shoreline

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VALLEY REGIONAL 58, HALE-RAY 18 HALE-RAY (0-8): Brooke Praskavicz 6-3-15, Kayla

Bartolotta 0-0-0, Gabby Aguilera 0-0-0, Jenna Fave Haentjens 1-1-3, Kenzie Purdell 0-0-0. Totals 7-4-18. VALLEY REGIONAL (10-0): Ava Cunningham 1-0-2, Abby Bradbury 9-2-24, Bitzy Klomp 2-0-4, Liz Allen 1-0-2, Olivia Cunningham 5-1-11, Siena Schaller 2-1-5, Regan Grow 5-0-10. Totals 25-4-58.

5 5 4 4 — 18 27 15 7 9 — 58 PORTLAND 44, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 34 HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH (3-8): Ella Comerford 3-0-8, Julia Favarola 1-0-3, Kaleigh Bodak 5-1-11, Audra Yazmer 2-0-4, Ava Romano 3-0-6. Totals

PORTLAND (2-8): Izzy McClelland 2-0-4, Hannah Brunk 6-3-15, Allison Scott 1-1-4, Kendra Schoeps 2-2-8, Sam Lasky 5-3-13. Totals 16-9-44. 17 6 5 6 - 34

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**CROMWELL 53, OLD LYME 35** 

OLD LYME (5-5): Ava Roth 1-0-2, Ella Curtiss-Reardon 1-0-2, Kathleen Walsh 4-1-9, Ali Kyle 2-0-6, Alexis Fenton 1-4-7, Kelly Sheehan 2-0-4, Megan Loflin 0-5-5. Totals 11-10-35. CROMWELL (7-1): Kayla Nappi 0-1-1, Grace Mikan 2-0-6, Cameryn Hickey 3-0-7, Jessica Grodzicki 3-0-8, Nevaeh Clark 4-2-10, Hope Greaves 1-0-2, Adela Cecunjanin 6-4-19. Totals 19-7-53.

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OLD SAYBROOK (2-9): Breleigh Cooke 0-1-1, Nora Kulman 1-0-3, Sophia Barker 1-0-2, Sanai Baker 1-0-2, Cassie Johnson 1-0-3, Ella Hagelston 2-0-4, Mackenna Cooke 1-2-4. Totals 7-3-19. EAST HAMPTON (11-1): Amber Murphy 1-0-3, Olivia DeMartino 4-1-9, Liana Salamone 1-5-7, Delanev

Russell 1-1-4, Jackie Russell 4-12-24, Jordan Murphy

2-0-4, Katie Ireland 0-1-1, Madison Yorker 0-1-1.

EAST HAMPTON 53, OLD SAYBROOK 19

Totals 13-21-53. 5 2 2 8 - 19 13 15 14 11 - 53

MORGAN 37, WESTBROOK 32 NORTH BRANFORD 60, COGINCHAUG 34 **GOODWIN TECH 43, PRINCE TECH 33** 

PRINCE TECH (8-4): Shanay Thomas 5-0-10, Shivani Roach 5-0-13, Yenny Barry Amoros 2-0-4, Asia Harper 2-0-6, Gracemar Hernandez-Ortiz 0-0-0. Totals 15-0-33. GOODWIN TECH (8-5): Avalise Hernandez 3-0-7, Tomoya Bennett 1-0-3, Ericka Aponte 8-4-20, Megan

Lukaszewski 4-0-10, Mariela Cartegena 1-0-3. Totals

6 9 5 13 - 33 9 11 11 12 - 43

WINDHAM TECH 68, CHENEY TECH 9

CAPITAL PREP 56, MLC 14

MLC (0-10): Natalia Dupiton 2-1-5, Tene McFarlane 1-0-2, Aaliyah Graves 3-0-7, Dominique Pierre-Emilie 0-0-0. Deaiah Minnifield 0-0-0. Totals 6-1-14. CAPITAL PREP (): Saneia Walford 12-2-26, Sienna Cook 7-1-19, Nyah Howard 3-0-7, Trinity Coats 1-0-2, Tansasia Gaston 1-0-2. Totals 24-3-56.

19 18 13 6 - 56

**AEROSPACE 49. CLASSICAL 46** 

AEROSPACE (6-5): Justice Kitchens 1-1-3, Tara Martindale 0-0-0, Ashanti McLean 8-3-20, Julia McLean 6-0-12, Faith Mitchell 6-0-14, Totals 21-4-49. CLASSICAL (5-6): Jasmine Charlery 10-0-20, Kyeera Hall 0-0-0, Mhia Huayta-Abreu 0-0-0, LeAzjiah Trapp 1-0-2, Sequoia Turcotte-Briggs 10-3-24. Totals

17 13 8 11 - 49 5 13 17 11 - 46 **CIVIC LEADERSHIP 39, ACHIEVEMENT FIRST 22** 

MERCY 63, CHESHIRE 43

CHESHIRE (6-5): Mimi Perlini 1-0-2, Taylor Fitzger-ald 1-2-4, Jenna Stickney 2-2-6, Tess Givens 1-0-2, Grace Lurz 4-3-12, Emily Grayson 1-0-2, Anna Hurbut 0-3-3, Eva Catalanotto 4-2-10, Ella Kulas 1-0-2. Totals MERCY (8-3): Avery Kohs 1-1-3, Sophie Hedge

3-4-11, Ava Giansiracusa 9-2-20, Melina Ford 5-1-11, Winnie Ciccarello 2-0-5, Rose Szeghy 0-2-2, Lily Schoonmaker 2-0-4, Caelyn McMahon-Egan 1-0-3, Bella Gonzalez 1-0-2, Mercedes Artaiz 1-0-2. Totals 25-10-63.

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ST. PAUL 82, CROSBY 34

CROSBY (2-9): Krishya Harge 0-1-1, Arriana Good-man 4-1-9, Aniscenette Rodriguez 0-0-0, Nyairre Miles 9-4-22, Nazyah Small 1-0-2. Totals 14-6-34. ST. PAUL (8-1): Haileigh Orzel 1-1-3, Sam Naples 0-1-1, Audrey Tice 2-0-5, Izzy Leggett 6-1-17, Olivia Dahn 2-0-5, Abbey Stanford 1-0-2, Nadia Reime 8-0-20, Zoey Rubins 3-0-6, Emily Ronalter 1-2-4, Sarah Lindquist 2-0-4, Kelsea Tefoe 1-0-2, Alexis Tierpack 1-0-2, Rebecca Kelly 2-1-5, Ava Stevenson 1-0-2, Natalia Reimer 2-0-4. Totals 33-6-82.

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Note: Tefoe had 9 rebounds and Rubins had 7

Others CONARD/HALL 6, WEST HAVEN/SHA 1

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CCC-North N 93, ROCKY HILL 74 WETHERSFIELD 96, E.O. SMITH/TOLLAND 88

WINDSOR 87, EAST HARTFORD 56

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

#### **ALL GAMES AT 6:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED BOYS BASKETBALL**

CCC-North: Bulkeley at New Britain CCC-**South:** Bristol Eastern at Lewis Mills CCC-**East:** East Hartford at East Catholic CCC-West: Southington at Simsbury CCC-Inter: Farmington at Tolland NCCC: Granby at Ellington; Suffield at Bolton

Shoreline: Old Lyme at Old Saybrook, 7 p.m. CTC: Bullard-Havens at Goodwin Tech, 5:30 p.m.; Norwich Tech at Cheney Tech, 6:30 p.m. CRAL: Parish Hill at Weaver, 4:45 p.m.: MLC at Innovation, 5 p.m.; Capital Prep at Civic Leadership, 5 p.m.; Aerospace at Achievement First, 7 p.m. Others: Wilcox Tech at Amistad, 6 p.m.: Sheehan at Platt Tech, 7 p.m.; East Hampton at Shepaug, 7 p.m.; Whitney Tech at Westbrook, 7 p.m.; Glastonbury at

#### Harding, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-**North:** Windsor at Hartford Public, 5:30 p.m. CCC-**Inter:** RHAM at Avon, 5:30 p.m. **NCCC:** East Windsor at Somers, 6 p.m. Shoreline: North Branford at Cromwell, 6 p.m. CTC: Bullard-Havens at Prince Tech, 6 p.m. SCC: Lyman Hall at East Haven, 6:15 p.m. NVL: Seymour at St. Paul, 7 p.m.
Others: Grasso Tech at MLC, 3:30 p.m.; Achievement
First at HMTCA, 4:30 p.m.; Enfield at Ledyard, 5 p.m.; Innovation at Bristol Central, 5:30 p.m.; Plainville

CCC-North: Northwest Catholic at Farmington Valley, 8 p.m. CCC-**South:** Rocky Hill co-op at Wethersfield, 5 p.m.; E.O. Smith/Tolland at Southington co-op, 8 p.m. CCC-Inter: Newington co-op at Conard, 7:20 p.m. SCC/SWC: Xavier at Fairfield Prep, 6 p.m.; Sheehan

at Amity, 8 p.m.

Others: Hand at Westhill/Stamford, 3:30 p.m.; Hall at Tri-Town, 3:50 p.m.; Glastonbury at Immaculate, 5 p.m.; Cheshire at Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe, 8 p.m.

### **GIRLS HOCKEY**

Others: Simsbury at Darien, 3:40 p.m.; Hand co-op at Avon co-op. 5:10 p.m.: East Catholic at Bishop Guertin (N.H.), 7 p.m.; Wilton co-op at Northwest Catholic co-op, 7:50 p.m.; Amity co-op at Stamford co-op. 7:50 p.m.

CCC-South: Middletown at Plainville, 6 p.m.: Bristol Central at Platt, 6 p.m.; Berlin at Bristol Eastern, CCC-East: Enfield at RHAM, 6 p.m.

CCC-West: Simsbury at Southington, 6 p.m.; Glastonbury at Avon, 6 p.m. CCC-Inter: East Hartford at Wethersfield, 6 p.m.;

New Britain at Farmington, 6 p.m.; Conard at Newington, 6 p.m.; Windsor at Maloney, 6 p.m.; South Windsor at Rocky Hill, 6 p.m.; Manchester at Hall, 6 p.m.

NCCC: Somers at Granby, 6 p.m.; Suffield/Wind-

sor Locks at Rockville, 6 p.m.; Coventry at Stafford, 6 p.m. SCC: Cheshire at Fairfield Prep. 5 p.m.; Guilford at

Hand, 7 p.m.; Amity at Xavier, 7 p.m.

ECC: Waterford at Bacon Academy, 6 p.m.; Ledyard at Windham, 6 p.m.

### Others: Haddam-Killingworth at Ellis Tech, 5 p.m.; Portland at Canton, 6 p.m.; St. Paul, Nonnewaug at Gilbert, 6 p.m.; Morgan at Law, 7 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD CCC-Inter: Windsor at Glastonbury, 4 p.m. SCC: SCC East Sectional (Floyd Little AC, New

CCC-West: Conard at Southington, 3:45 p.m.; Farmington at Hall, 3:45 p.m.; Northwest Catholic at

### Simsbury, 8 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS CCC: Glastonbury at Conard. 5 p.m.